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ORDER OF SERVICE

COVENANT CENTER CHAPEL SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF *February 17, 2008*

(The congregation is asked to participate in all underlined responses and all hymns.)

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

“The real sacrifice that God wants from us is a humble spirit. Amen”

Psalm 51:17

SILENT PRAYER

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Chaplain: Did you come to worship God?

Congregation: Yes, we did!

Chaplain: Did you come to sing unto the Lord?

Congregation: Yes, we did!

Chaplain: Did you come to pray?

Congregation: Yes, we did!

Chaplain: Let us begin our service in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen!

HYMN: “All Glory, Laud and Honor”

All glory, laud and honor, to Thee Redeemer King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David’s Royal Son,
Who in the Lord’s name cometh, the King and Blessed One.

“The sky shows us that God is wonderful.
It does not have to use words. God made a home in the sky for the sun.
Every morning it appears.
It goes clear across the sky, and nothing can hide from it.”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Heavenly Father,

Touch our lives and stir our spirits so that others may see You living in us. Let our lights of love and care show so strongly that others may be drawn to You..

In Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

HYMN: “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

In the cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o’er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

LITANY OF THANKS AND PRAISE

For the beauty of the earth -
Thank you, God

For the glory of the skies -
Thank you, God

For the love which all around us lies -
Thank you, God

For the wonder of each hour, the day, the night -
Thank you, God

For hills, trees, flowers -
Thank you, God

For sun, moon and stars of light -
Thank you, God

For the joy of human love -
Thank you, God

For friends on earth and friends above
Thank you, God

HYMN: “Onward Christian Soldiers”

Onward Christian soldiers, Marching as to war
With the cross of Jesus Going on before!
Christ the Royal Master, Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle, See His banner go!
Onward, Christian soldiers Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 12:41-44

“Jesus saw people giving money in the church. Rich people gave a whole lot. They did it so that everyone could see them.

“A poor lady gave money. Her husband had died. All she had was two pennies.”

“Jesus told his friends that she gave more than the rich people.”

MESSAGE

“GOD KNOWS WHAT WE REALLY GIVE”

Object: A long, very curved piece of pipe or metal coil with a large enough diameter that a dime will pass.

One time when Jesus was in the temple (which is like a great big church), He noticed how the rich people were showing off how much money they were giving.

He then noticed a poor woman with her children. All she had to give was two pennies. Her husband had died, so she was very poor.

Jesus told His friends that because she had given everything that she had, she had given more than the rich people.

Now there is more to the story than the Bible alone tells us. For example, the way they gave their money to the temple was to put it in something called a coffer. A coffer was large and it had a lot of bells. Everytime a person put a lot of money in it, the coffer would make a lot of noise to draw attention to the giver. A little bit of money did not make much noise.

I do not have a large coffer, but I did bring something else. Let me show you. (Take the pipe or coil and demonstrate how the dimes make a clanging sound as they roll on their way.)

God does not want us to give in order to get attention. God wants us to give because we love.

End with a prayer: Thank You dear God for making us special. Help us to know what You plan for our lives. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

HYMN: “All Creatures of Our God and King”

All creatures of our God and King,

Lift up your voice and with us sing,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam!
O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

(Everyone greet one another)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

God of All,

We know that You are the Great Creator, Maker of everything. We also know that You love each one of us to make us special. We pray for You to heal those who are sick and hurt. And we also ask that You be with those who are alone or sad or scared.

We pray this prayer in the name of Jesus Who taught us this prayer that we pray together saying :

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken by everyone)

Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom,
The power, and glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

HYMN: Jesus Loves Me

Jesus Loves me this I know
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong
They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

THE BENEDICTION:

Glory be to God Who has all grace,
Who has called us into His eternal glory in Christ,
To Him belongs all glory and power forever and ever, Amen.

Congregation: Amen

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye Heavenly Host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

CHAPLAIN: Go in peace; Serve the Lord

CONGREGATION: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL POSTLUDE