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ORDER OF SERVICE

COVENANT CENTER CHAPEL SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF *January 20, 2008*

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

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

“Arise, O Lord, and come to Your resting place. Let your ministers be righteous and let Your servants be happy.”

Psalm 132:8-9

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: “Immortal, Invisible”

Immortal, invisible God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,

Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

READING OF THE PSALMS

PSALM 24

**“Everything in it belongs to God, the whole world and all people.
Who has a right to go to church?
People who do good and say good things. The Lord will bless them.
Let God come in. He is the great King!”**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Dear God,

We know that You are greater than anything else in the world, and that You are all we ever need. You are greater than anything else we know. There is nothing of which we should ever be afraid. Thank You.

In Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

HYMN: “ Must Tell Jesus”

I must tell Jesus all of my trials; I cannot bear these
Burdens alone; In my distress He kindly will help me;
He ever loves and cares for His own. I must tell Jesus!
I must tell Jesus! I cannot bear these burdens alone; I must tell Jesus!
I must tell Jesus! Jesus can help me Jesus alone.

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: “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

Jesus, keep me near the cross,
There a precious fountain,
Free to all a healing stream,
Flows from Calv’ry’s mountain.
In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,
Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 18:21-35

“A worker could not pay a lot of money he owed. The other man said it was okay. But the worker was mean to other people. He wanted others to be nice to him, but he did not want to be nice to them. God did not like him to be mean to other people.”

MESSAGE

“Jesus Teaches Us to Forgive”

(This week’s sermon’s prop is a couple of simple lead pencils. But one has its eraser word down to a knob.)

I have brought with me today two pencils. They are just alike except one pencil has been used a whole lot while the other pencil has hardly been used at all. Do you know how I can tell which is which?

The pencil that has been used a lot has a very small eraser. When you use a pencil, often times you make mistakes and have to correct them.

In our story for today that Jesus told, there was one man who was very forgiving. Even though another owed him a lot of money, he forgave it. But guess what the man who had been forgiven did?

He would not forgive someone else who owed him just a little bit.

Jesus was asked, “How many times should I forgive somebody?”

His answer was seven times seventy.

We can all count to seven, but seven times seventy is many, many, many.

End with a prayer: “We thank You, Loving God, that You are always near us and ready to answer our prayers. You are always forgiving and loving. Help us to forgive also.” Amen.

HYMN: “Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word;
Just to rest upon His promise,
And to know, "Thus saith the Lord."
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!

(Everyone greet one another)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

God of All,

Today, loving God, with thank You for Your love and Your mercy and compassion, but we also thank You for Your power and strength. We know that You love all people. Help us to show our love for others by being kind and patient. Forgive us when we fail.

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:

O God, bless us and keep us safe and help us to be a blessing to others. 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