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# ORDER OF SERVICE

## COVENANT CENTER CHAPEL SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF *January 6, 2008*

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

### PRELUDE

### INVOCATION

“I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord.”

Psalm 122:1

### 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:** “To God Be the Glory”

To God be the glory, Great things He has done;  
So loved He the world That He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the floodgate that all may go in.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice, Praise the Lord,  
Praise the Lord, let The people rejoice.  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son

And give Him the glory great things He has done.

## READING OF THE PSALMS

PSALM 36

**“God’s love reaches to the heavens. His goodness goes all the way to the sky. It is as mighty as the mountains, and His honesty is as deep as the oceans. God takes care of us and He protects us. He provides our food and all the other things that we need.**

**God, please continue to take good care of us.”**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Dear God,

Please help us to understand that Your love will never fail. We ask You to be close those who are lonely and heal those who are sick. Thank You for taking care of us.

In Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

**HYMN:** “Standing On the Promises”

Standing on the promises of Christ my King, Through eternal ages let  
His praises ring. Glory in the highest I will shout and sing, Standing on  
The promises of God. Standing, standing, standing on the promises of  
God my Savior. Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God

## 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:** "Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Genesis 37

**"Joseph's fatehr gave him a very pretty coat. It had many colors. Joseph also had a dream. His brothers did not like it. So they sold him into slavery. They lied to their father who thought Joseph had died."**

**MESSAGE**

"God Can Make Bad Things Into Good Things"

(The prop --- the prop you will need for this Sunday's sermonette is any article of clothing that quickly caprtures the attention of your congregation. A bright red scarf, a colorful sweater are some simple examples.)

Let me tell you about a wonderful person in the Bible. His name was Joseph. Joseph did many wonderful things, but life was not always easy for him. Joseph had a lot of brothers --- eleven. But he was his father's favorite. In fact his fatehr gave him a beautiful coat to show him how much he loved Joseph. But he did not give a beautiful coat to any of his other sons. This made them jealous.

How would you like it is somebody gave a beautiful \_\_\_\_ (whatever article of clothing you have chosen) to someone else but did not ever give anything to you?

You would not like it!

But you would not kill them would you?

But that is what they thought of doing with Joseph. Finally, they decided not to kill him, but to sell him into slavery.

But Joseph worked hard and became a leader in a new country. There God used him to help save many people from hunger.

End with a prayer: "Thank You, God, for planning for our future and taking care of us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**HYMN:** "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place.  
And I know that it's the presence of the Lord.  
Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet Heavenly Dove,  
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.

And for these blessings, we lift our hearts to You,  
Without a doubt you'll know that we have been revived  
When we shall elave this place.

( Everyone greet one another)

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Heavenly Father,

Put in me a clear, shining light and take away all the bad things I have done. Help me to remember that as I keep my thoughts on You, You will help me become an even better person every day. Especially we pray that You would help those people who are poor and hurt and sick.

We make 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:**

God, send us forth as Your children to live more like the example that Jesus lived for us to follow. 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**