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DEVOTION, WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL  
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THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED. THIS IS A  
FREE SERVICE OF THE COVENANT CHAPEL AT  
THE  
J. IVERSON RIDDLE DEVELOPMENTAL  
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# ORDER OF SERVICE

## COVENANT CENTER CHAPEL SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF *May 4, 2008*

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

### PRELUDE

### INVOCATION

“Because all that God says is wonderful, we do what He wants us to do. What God says is easy for us to understand. We want to hear more of what God has to say to us.”

Psalm 119:129-131

### 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 Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

All hail the power of Jesus’ name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown Him Lord of All;

Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown Him Lord of All.

**READING OF THE PSALMS**

PSALM 84

**“Lord, we love Your church, and we want to be there.  
We want to sing songs in Your church.  
Even the little birds have nests for homes.  
Those who come to Your church and worship You are happy.  
They always want to sing to You.  
Their strength comes from You, Lord.  
Even when they have bad times in their lives, You bless them and they grow  
stronger.”**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God,

We come here today to worship You. Help us to sing songs of praise. We also come because of the needs of our lives. Some of us come to worship You feeling very good because we have blessings. Some others have sickness or pain. But we come to worship and ask You to bless our lives.

In Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

**HYMN: “I Love to Tell the Story”**

I love to tell the story, Of unseen things above.  
Of Jesus and His glory, Of Jesus and His love.  
I love to tell the story, Because I know ‘tis true.  
It satisfies my longing, As nothing else can do.  
I love to tell the story! ‘Twill be my theme in glory.  
To tell the old, old story, Of Jesus and His love.

**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:** “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and grief to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,  
Oh, what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Acts 9:36-42

**“There was a lady named Dorcas who did a lot of good for many people. The name Dorcas means ‘deer.’ She became very sick and people thought she had died. Peter prayed for her and she got well.”**

**MESSAGE**

“Ready for Anything”

Object for today are our names and their meanings.

One time there was a lady whose name was Dorcas. I bet you have never met anyone named Dorcas. Her name meant something special. Did you know our names had meanings?

My name, John, means ‘God loves.’  
Sue’s name means ‘lily’ like a flower.  
Angel’s name means ‘angel like.’  
Tanya means ‘saint.’  
Tammy means ‘date.’  
Mark means ‘warrior.’  
Carl means ‘manly.’

All of our names mean something. Dorcas meant ‘deer’ like the animal in the forest. But because Dorcas was such a good woman, her name has now become to mean a woman

who does good.

Dorcas became so sick, everybody thought she had died. But Peter prayed for her and she became well.

There are two things that we can learn from this Bible story. One is that we could live such good lives that people will remember our names for a long time to come.

The other is that that we should pray for one another.

End with a prayer: Thank You dear God for our blessings. Help us to remember to pray for one another. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

**HYMN: "He Leadeth Me"**

He leadeth me! O blessed tho't!  
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!  
What-e're I do, wher-e're I be,  
Still 'tis God's hands that leadeth me.  
He leadeth me, He leadeth me.  
By His own hand He leadeth me.  
His faithful follower I would be,  
For by His hand He leadeth me.

( Everyone greet one another)

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

God of Love, Greatest Friend that we ever have,

Our friends are very important to us. Help us to remember how important they are by praying for them and being kind to them. We pray for those who are sick and those who are hurt. We want them to become well just like Dorcas.

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:**

Let us go forth as people of peace, to do kindness and justice to all. May the peace of God go with you.

**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**