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A NON-DENOMINATIONAL WEEKLY DEVOTION,  
WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL RESOURCE FOR  
CHURCHES MINISTERING TO THE  
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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

**August 19, 2007**

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

### PRELUDE

### INVOCATION

“God wants us to love. And love comes from a pure heart and faith in God.”

I Timothy 1:5

### 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: “O Worship the King”

O worship the King, all glorious above  
And gratefully sing, His wonderful love.  
Our shield and defender the ancient of days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

### READING OF THE PSALMS

Psalm 37

“Do not worry because of bad people. Trust in the Lord and be good. If you try to be happy, He will make you happy. Bad people try to hurt others. God’s people try to do good. Do good like He wants you to do.”

### SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY THE J. IVERSON RIDDLE CENTER HAND BELL CHOIR

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of Mercy,

Help us to learn how to do good each day. Show us the way You love, how You care for others, and how You forgive. Then help us live that way for our lives. Teach us also how to love others even as You have loved us.

In Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

## **HYMN: "Amazing Grace"**

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed. "

## **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 griefs to bear.  
What a privilege to carry, everything to God in prayer.  
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear.  
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

Daniel 1:1-20

"A long time ago a bad king made slaves of God's people. Daniel and three of his friends were slaves. They were fed bad food. Daniel and his friends would not eat it. They ate good food and were strong. They did what God wanted."

## **MESSAGE**

“Daniel Obeyed”

(Objects needed: A variety of food products but of two categories. Have some that are not nutritious --- potato chips, candy, sweets--- and have another of healthy foods like fruits and vegetables.)

Retell the story of Daniel and the other three young men with emphasis that they were no longer at home and were in some type of dependant situation on their captures.

All of us like food, don't we? We know that, but the important question is 'What kind of food do you like?'

I have brought with me a number of things we eat. You may like to eat some of them and not like to eat others.

What kind of food is good for you?

Well, you probably already know that some of the things that we eat are not always good for us. Sometimes we have to say no and not eat foods that are bad for us.

Daniel and these other young men were in a foreign country where the people did not know what was good for them. Daniel had been raised to eat healthy food.

Today we know a lot more about what is a nutritious food and what is not. Many times the food we want is not what we need. But then there are others that are good for us.

We feel better and are healthier when we do the things that are best for us and others.

It is the same way in how we treat other people. Some of the things that we can do are not good. They hurt people. Other things that we do are very good. But we have the choice to be good or bad.

Just like we have to choose to eat healthy food, sometimes we have to control ourselves to make the best choices, but God will help us.

End with a prayer: Dear God, help us to see the blessings that are all around us and help us to choose the things that please You. In Christ we pray, Amen.

## **Anthem by the JIRDC Staff Choir**

(Everyone greet one another)

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

God of Love,

You give us so many blessings, we do not know where or how to start thanking You. We do ask that You help those people who need healing. And we ask You to take lonely people who need Your comfort and be with them. We thank You for blessing us, but we also ask You to bless many other people.

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:**

May God fill you with joy, love and peace.  
May He go with you today and always.  
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**