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DEVOTION, WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL  
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# ORDER OF SERVICE

## COVENANT CENTER CHAPEL

### SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF

### August 26, 2007

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

#### PRELUDE

#### INVOCATION

God said, "Call upon me and I will answer you. I will be with you in difficult times; I will take care of you and you will worship me."

Psalm 91.15

#### 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;

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#### READING OF THE PSALMS

Psalm 104

"Praise the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, how great You are! The entire sky is like a tent to You, and Your home is above the clouds. You put the earth in its place, and You give all of our needs. Because You are so good, we sing for joy. Praise the Lord!

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of Mercy,

We come here today not only to worship You but also to call upon You for all the needs in 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

Daniel 5

“The bad king gave a party. The bad king drank too much wine and saw hand writing on the wall. Only Daniel could read the writing. The writing said that the king would not be a king very long. Someone else would become the king instead. And someone else did become king.”

## MESSAGE

“Honoring God”

Object Lesson: Anything that gives the appearance of wealth. Today I am using a lot of costume jewelry, bracelets, necklaces, etc.

I need a volunteer to help me today. (preferably a female) \_\_\_\_\_ I want you to help me today by putting on a lot of this jewelry. Now you know that these are not real jewels, but they only look like they are. Here, put on this necklace and these bracelets. Let’s really load it up.

Now, to make it a bit more interesting and see what a fine actress you are, I want you to pretend to be not only rich but haughty as well. Can you act like a snob?

Very good.

Now, if these were real jewels, I might ask you ‘Who gave them to you?’ A haughty person would say, ‘They are mine!’ But an honest person would say, ‘God gave all things to us.’

That is the same feeling in our story about Daniel for today. Daniel knew that the handwriting on the wall was God telling the king that he had been too selfish. He did not honor God. God had blessed him with many possessions, but the king took credit for all of it instead of giving God the glory.

Today, all of us are blessed. We have clothes and food and nice places to live. When we are blessed, God wants us to show that He was the one who blessed us.

Let’s bow our heads and thank God for being good to us.

End with a prayer: Thank You dear God for blessing us. Thank You for friends. Thank you for our homes, food and everything else. 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,

Because we have friends and because we want to be good friends to them, we come asking You to care for those who are sick and need Your care. Bless those who do not have friends. Let them know that You care for them, and help us to be friends to them as well.

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**