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ORDER OF SERVICE

COVENANT CENTER CHAPEL SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF

August 5, 2007

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

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

“Lord, in Your Son Jesus, You have shown us how we ought to treat one another. May Your love enter our hearts and show us that pattern once again in this time of worship. Amen”

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 25

“Lord, we prayer to You because we trust in You. Help us to know how You want us to live. We trust in You. We look to You for help at all times, God. You are our Lord and God.”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God,

The time has come for all who worship You to worship the Father in spirit and in truth. We know that You, our Heavenly Father, seek such people to worship You.

In Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

HYMN: "Blessed Be the Name"

O for a thousand tongues to sing, Blessed be the name of the Lord!
The glories of my God and King, Blessed be the name of the Lord!
Blessed be the name, Blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name of the Lord! Blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name, Blessed be the name of the Lord!

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: "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

We are one in the Spirit; We are one in the Lord.

We are one in the Spirit; We are one in the Lord.

And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

SCRIPTURE READING

Leviticus 25:13-55

"In the year of Jubilee, everyone should forgive the debts that others owe to them. People should obey the Lord and be kind to one another. If someone owes you, you should forgive them."

MESSAGE

“Free from Debt”

(The object lesson that is needed for today is a stack of bills, especially utility bills. These are probably too small to be seen even by those up close to the front, so you may want to consider making up some that can be large enough to be seen.)

You may never have seen one the things that I have in my hand. These are bills. They are the kind of bills that people have to pay. Here is an electric bill, and here is a bill for insurance. We have to have electricity to run the house and also we have to keep insurance on everything. There are a lot of things that we must do to run a household and all of them cost money. There is the gas bill, and telephone bill and the newspaper, and the grocery bill, There are a lot of them.

You know what would be nice? If the people I owe money to would all call me up and say, “Don’t worry about your bills. Just forget them.”

That is called forgiving a debt.

Boy would I like that.

Well God has acted like that toward us by forgiving us. He wants us to forgive other people just like He forgives us.

HYMN: “I am Thine, O Lord”

I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice,
And it told Thy love to me;
But I long to rise in the arms of faith,
And be closer drawn to Thee.
Draw me nearer, nearer Blessed Lord,
To the cross where Thou hast died;
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer,
Blessed Lord to Thy precious bleeding side.

(Everyone greet one another)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

God of All,

We know that You are the Maker of everything. We also know that You love everyone. We pray for You to heal those who need You in this time. We want You to comfort those who are sad and be close to those who are lonely.

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 the Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord cause His face to shine upon you and give you peace this day and forevermore. 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