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ORDER OF SERVICE

COVENANT CENTER CHAPEL SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF *February 24, 2008*

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

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

“Look into your hearts and not at what you wear, then worship God for He is giving and forgiving. God is slow to get angry but quick to bless.” (Joel 2:13)

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 Creatures of Our God and King”

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with softer gleam!
O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

READING OF THE PSALMS

PSALM 22

**“Sometimes I pray to God, during the day, and I pray at night time.
Everyone trusts in Him and He answers their prayers.
I will tell all the people what wonderful things God has done. Amen”**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God of All,

During these moments of worship, we ask that You help us to remember the love that Your Son Jesus Christ showed for us. Help us to committ ourselves to loving others also. Help us not to be selfish but giving; not to be rude but forgiving. Speak to our hearts during this time.

In Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

HYMN: “For the Beauty of the Earth”

For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth,
Over and around us lies,
Christ our God to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

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: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not.
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.
Great is Thy Faithfulness; Great is Thy faithfulness.
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 6:9-13

"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 and the glory forever. Amen."

MESSAGE

"Knock, knock"

Central Idea: Prayer is simply talking to God.

Object of Lesson: Picture or drawing of a door

Do any of you know any 'knock, knock jokes?

Maybe you are not familiar with knock, knock jokes. Let me give you an example or two.

Knock, knock: Who's there? Boo. Boo, who? Well, you don't have to cry about it.

Knock, knock: Who's there? Tank. Tank, who? You're welcome.

Knock, knock: Who's there? Canoe. Canoe, who? Canoe come out and play.

Knock, knock: Who's there? Orange. Orange, who? Orange you glad this is my last
Knock, knock joke.

Jesus taught His disciples a lot about prayer. Once He told them that God is like a neighbor that you go to in the middle of the night, knock on the door he might not answer you at first, but if you keep knocking and asking, God will eventually answer your prayers.

But the most famous teaching of Jesus about prayer is the Lord's Prayer.

Let's all repeat it together.

HYMN: "I Am Thine, O Lord"

I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice,
And it told Thy love for me; but I long to rise
In the arms of faith and be closer drawn to The.
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

Creator God,

You are so good to us that we cannot help but come and thank You. That is what we do when we sing and when we pray. You have made us and You have kept us. Thank You for taking care of us. Thank you for food and homes and clothing and friends.

We pray this prayer in the name of Him 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 very Lord of peace give you peace at all times and in all ways. The Lord be with you all. Amen.” (II Thess. 3:16)

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