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ORDER OF SERVICE

COVENANT CENTER CHAPEL SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF *July 13, 2008*

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

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

“The Lord rules everywhere over everything; let us all be very happy.”

(Psalm 24:1)

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 for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace.
Jesus the name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.

READING OF THE PSALMS

PSALM 138

**“We thank You, Lord, with all of are hearts, and we sing songs to You.
We worship You because You are always good to us.
We can always count on Your love and faithfulness,
And You will always listen to us when we pray.
You care for everyone whether they are rich or poor.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Heavenly Father,

As we worship You today, touch our lives and our spirits so that we may feel You close to us. Encourage us to live closer to You each day.

In Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

HYMN: “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood from Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, save from wrath and make me pure.

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: “Onward Christian Soldiers”

Onward Christian soldiers, Marching as to war
With the cross of Jesus Going on before!
Christ the Royal Master, Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle, See His banner go!
Onward, Christian soldiers Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 4:32

“Forgive one another, just like God forgave you.”

MESSAGE

“BE FORGIVING”

Objects A dry erasure board, along with a marker and eraser for it.

You can all probably guess what this is in my hand. It is what is called a dry erasure board. You can write all kinds of things on it, and you can very easily erase it.

But before I write anything on it, I want to tell you a story out of the Bible. It is a story that Jesus told --- called a parable.

Once there was a man who owed his boss a whole lot of money. He owed so much that it would be impossible for him to ever repay it. When his boss called him into his office to collect the debt, the man fell down on the floor and begged his boss not to put him in jail. His boss felt so sorry for him that he just forgave the whole debt.

The man left his office and out in the hallway, he saw another employee who owed him a couple of pennies. He grabbed that man by the collar and said, “If you don’t pay me right now I am going to call the police and throw you in jail.”

Now what do you think of someone who wanted to have his debt of millions of dollars forgotten, but would not forget about two pennies that someone else owed to him?

Well, that is what this erasure board is all about.

The good thing about an erasure board is that no matter what you write on it, all the mistakes in the world (like $2+2=7$) all you have to do is erase it and start all over again.

End with a prayer: Thank You dear God for giving us Your Spirit. Let it guide us and show us how to be forgiving. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.

HYMN: “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

In the cross of Christ I glory
Towering o’er the wrecks of time;

All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

(Everyone greet one another)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

God of All,

You love each one of us enough to make us all special. We pray for You to heal those who are sick and hurt. And we also ask that You be with those who are alone or sad or scared. Thank You for Your blessings to us. Keep watch over us and take care of us.

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:

Glory be to God Who has all grace,
Who has called us into His eternal glory in Christ,
To Him belongs all glory and power forever and ever, 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

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