

THE
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ORDER OF SERVICE

COVENANT CENTER CHAPEL SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF

July 22, 2007

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

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Through His blood we are saved and have forgiveness. He gives these to us because He is so rich.”

Ephesians 1:3 & 7

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. God will take care of those who are good. Put your hope in the Lord and do good like He wants you to do.”

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."

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's 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 king took some young men away from their home. One of them was named Daniel. He gave them rich food to eat, but Daniel would not eat it. Instead, he asked for healthy food. He was faithful."

MESSAGE

“Daniel Was Faithful”

(Object needed: A blown up copy of the nutritional label from an unhealthy snack and a copy of one from a healthy food. They need to be large enough for all to see at last well enough to know what they are or appear to be.)

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.

What kind of food do you like? 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 you. Sometimes we have to exercise self control and not eat foods that are bad.

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 have nutrition labels on foods and these labels tell us how nutritious the food is. Many times snacks are not good for us. Other foods are.

When we know, then we have a better understanding to guide our choices.

It is the same way with our behavior. Some of the things that we can do are not good. Other things that we do are very good. But we have the choice to be good or bad.

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.

HYMN: “Rock of Ages”

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.

(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, God, 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