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ORDER OF SERVICE

COVENANT CENTER CHAPEL SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF July 29, 2007

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

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

“Let everyone exalt the Lord and worship at His feet, for God is holy.”

Psalm 99.5

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 Glory, Laud and Honor”

All glory, laud and honor, to Thee, Redeemer King!
To Whom, the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David’s greater Son,
Who in the Lord’s name cometh, the King and Blessed One

READING OF THE PSALMS

Psalm 50

“God speaks to everyone. He shines from His city, perfect in beauty. He says, ‘Gather my faithful people to me, those who keep my word, Those who worship me.’ The Lord says, ‘I am your God. I do not need what you have. It is your thanks that I want.’”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Giving God,

We pray that today You would increase our love for You so that we might better know what it means to have You living in our lives. Help us to show in the way that we live and the way we treat others that You are our God.

In Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

HYMN: "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the Son;
Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honor,
Thou my soul's glory, joy and crown.

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: "He Leadeth Me"

He leadeth me, O Blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whatever I do, wherever I be, still 'tis Thy hand 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.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 2:14-16

"In the church Jesus saw a lot of people buying and selling and making money. He told them, 'Get out of God's house! This is a house of prayer. Do not business!'"

MESSAGE

“GOING TO CHURCH”

(Object Lesson: I am quite lucky in that for years before I came to the Riddle Center, some previous chaplain(s) had spent much time collecting hundreds of those large pictures that come with Sunday School and Vacation Bible School literature. For this sermon, I selected three pictures: one is a scene of worshippers in church singing a hymn; another is of a family in their kitchen preparing food and table for a family meal; and the last is a medical office or hospital scene with physicians and other medical personnel.)

I want to show you some pictures that I have brought with me today. In these pictures we can see people doing the kinds of things that we do everyday. Here is a family preparing for their supper. (Hold up the proper picture or even better, enlist someone to help hold it.) Some of them are setting the table, and some are helping to cook. These are the very same things that you help to do in order to get the food ready for a meal.

Here is another picture. It shows some doctors and nurses who are helping a person get well. (Have that picture so that they can see it.) All of us go to the doctor or the nurse sometimes.

And here is a picture of some people worshipping in a church. Just like us they are singing a hymn. They may be singing “He Leadeth Me” just like we sung a few moments ago.

Now I want you to know is that everything that these people are doing is good. It is good to cook a meal. It is good to go to the doctor, and it is good to go to church.

But wouldn't it be silly to go to the hospital and try to cook a meal? Or wouldn't it be ridiculous to go to church and try to find a doctor?

Of course you are right.

We cook in the kitchen and we find a doctor at the hospital, and we worship at church.

That was why Jesus told the men not to do business at church. When we are in church, God wants us to worship.

HYMN: “When We All Get to Heaven”

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, Sing His mercy and His grace;
In the mansions bright and blessed, He'll prepare for us a place.
When we all get to heaven, What a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus, We'll sing and shout the victory!

(Everyone greet one another)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

God of All,

As we look at our lives, we become aware that You have blessed us and have watched over us. We know that You are good to us in so many ways. For Your goodness we thank You. Thank You for loving 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 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:

God the Father 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