

THE
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ORDER OF SERVICE

COVENANT CENTER CHAPEL

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF

July 8, 2007

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

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

“My soul will be joyful in the Lord; it will rejoice in His salvation.”

Psalm 35:9

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 triumph’s of His grace.
My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,
To spread thro’ all the earth abroad, The honors of Thy name.

READING OF THE PSALMS

Psalm 22

“In the chapel when it is filled with people, I will praise the Lord for what He has done. In front of those who worship You, I will worship You. Everyone will be filled and all will worship the Lord. He is the King. Today and forever, people will serve Him and will tell others of Him.”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of Mercy,

We all need to learn more of You. Teach us each day more of what You are like, the way You love, how You care for others, and how You forgive. Teach us also how to believe, not only in You, but also in Your way for our lives. Teach us also how to love others even as You have loved us.

In Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

HYMN: "At Last and Did My Savior Bleed"

At last and did my Savior bleed And did my Savior die?
Would He devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?
At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light,
And the burden of my heart rolled away,
It was there by faith I received my sight,
And now I am happy all the day.

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: "In Christ There Is No East or West"

In Christ there is no east or west, In him no south or north,
But one great fellowship of love Throughout the whole wide earth.
In Christ now meet both east and west, In Him meet south and north;
All Christly souls are one in Him, Throughout the whole wide earth.

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruth 2

“When the men were working in the fields, Ruth went also because she had nothing to eat. Boaz saw her. He saw that she had nothing to eat. Boaz gave her enough food for her family.”

MESSAGE

“God Loves for Us to Be Kind to One Another”

Objects: A variety of ice cream scoops that are obviously different in the sizes of the scoops.

Look at what I have here. Can any one tell me what I am holding in my hands? You on the front pews can easily see, but I may have to tell you in the back.

These are ice cream scoops.

Now everyone likes ice cream. Do you remember “I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream!”

Yes, we all like ice cream. We have our favorite flavors. I like all kinds of ice cream flavors. I like ice cream sandwiches, and I like ice cream cones. I like ice cream sundaes and I like ice cream in a bowl. I just like ice cream.

Now, I want you to look at these ice cream scoops a little more carefully. If someone were to serve you a bowl of ice cream, which of these scoops would you want them to use?

Do you want them to use this little scoop or this big one?

Yes, I know what you would want. You would want the server to use this big scoop. I would too.

Think about all the times in life that we have to treat others that way ---- maybe not with ice cream ---- but in other ways of being kind.

God wants us to treat them the way that we would like to be treated. We would want someone else to use a big scoop for us, so we should use a big scoop for them

We would want others to treat us nicely, so we should treat others nicely.

This was the way that Boaz treated Ruth. And because he was good to her, he was the kind of man that God loved.

End with a prayer: Thank You dear God for showing us how You love all of us. Help us also to love others, and in that way be pleasing to You. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.

HYMN: “Praise Him, Praise Him All ye Little Children”

Praise Him! Praise Him, All ye little children

God is love, God is love.

Praise Him! Praise Him, All ye little children,

God is love, God is love.

(Everyone greet one another)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

God of Love,

There are so many things we want to ask of You, God. There are people that we love who need You to heal them. There are lonely people who need Your comfort. 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:

Let us leave this place of worship and go forth as people of God's love and peace.
May the peace of God go with you.

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