

THE
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ORDER OF SERVICE

COVENANT CENTER CHAPEL SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF *June 15, 2008*

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

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

“Let us look at ourselves and turn to God. Let us worship God Who is in heaven.”

Lamentations 3:40-41

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: “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and Mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

READING OF THE PSALMS

PSALM 116

“I love the Lord. He hears my prayers. He listens when I talk to Him. Even when bad things happen to me, God hears me and answers my prayers. I may not be very smart, but God takes care of me anyway.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of Power and Might,

Thank You for taking care of us. Come upon our lives with Your strength so that we also will be able to live in compassion and forgiveness. Thank You for the power of love.

In Jesus Christ 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.

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: “Spirit of the Living God”

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 9: 12-13

“People who are healthy, do not need a doctor. What I mean is this: God desires mercy and not sacrifices. Jesus came to change those who were mean and help them become good.”

MESSAGE

“Do You Need a Doctor”

(The object lesson for today is a stethoscope I have borrowed from one of our staff physicians.)

Most of you know what I have here --- it's a stethoscope. When a doctor is examining a person, s/he puts this in their ears and places this part up against their chest to hear their heart. It lets the doctor know if their heart is working well or if their lungs are clear.

Back when I was a little boy, when you needed a doctor, they would come to your house. But today we just go to the doctor's office. I do not know of any doctors who make house calls today.

But Jesus did. He went to where the people were. Jesus went to where the people were. Even if they were not the type of people who went to church and did as they should. Jesus would still love them. That is what He wanted them to understand when He said, 'People who are healthy do not need a doctor.'

God loves all the people in the world. He wants everyone to be good, so He works on even the worst people.

End with a prayer: “Thank You, dear God, for loving us. Help us to follow You. Help us to live our lives close to You.” Amen.

HYMN: “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Thou has bought us Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Thou has bought us Thine we are.

(Everyone greet one another)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

God of Love,

Thank You for being our Good Shepherd. Thank You for guiding us and keeping us safe. Help us to live our lives close to You, and that the way we treat others and the way we behave will show to the world how close we live to You. Thank You for Your blessings. We also ask that You take care of others who need Your help.

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 the Lord of Love make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope and untiring in love this day and all the days of your lives.

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