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ORDER OF SERVICE

COVENANT CENTER CHAPEL SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF *June 22, 2008*

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

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

“I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord.”

Psalm 122:1

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: “To God Be the Glory”

To God be the glory, Great things He has done;
So loved He the world That He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the floodgate that all may go in.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice, Praise the Lord,
Praise the Lord, let The people rejoice.
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son

And give Him the glory great things He has done.

READING OF THE PSALMS

PSALM 36

“God’s everlasting love reaches to the heavens. His faithfulness goes all the way to the sky. His goodness is as mighty as the mountains and His honesty is as deep as the oceans. God takes care of us and He protects us. He provides our food and all the other things that we need.

God, please continue to take good care of us.”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Dear God,

Please help us to understand that Your love will never fail. We ask You to be close to those who are lonely and heal those who are sick. Thank You for taking care of us.

In Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

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

PRESENTATION OF THE AMERICAN FLAG BY THE BOY SCOUTS

(Everyone who can please, stand)

PLEDGE OF ALLIGIENCE

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America
And to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God,
Indivisible, with liberty and justice to all.

HYMN: "America"

My country 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing.
Land where my fathers died, Land of the Pilgrim's pride,
From every mountainside, Let freedom ring.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 10:7

"Wherever you go, tell others that the kingdom of heaven is near."

MESSAGE

"Telling Good News"

(The prop --- a newspaper. Hold it spread apart as if you were going to read it.)

I have a habit. Every morning I go out for coffee. On the way I get a newspaper and read it while I have coffee. I have been making a practice of reading the newspaper for many, many years. Sometimes Sue goes with me. Sometimes I go alone. But I have been doing this for so long that I cannot remember not reading the morning paper.

I like to read the comics, and I also like to work the crossword puzzle. But mostly I want to read the front page and know the important things that are going on in the world.

In order for me to do that, there has to be a newspaper person who gets up very early in the morning and delivers the paper. They take the paper to the front doors of many, many people. The person who does that is very important because we could not read the news if it were not for them.

The Bible tells us that Jesus was always going around the countryside telling people the good news of God's love. One day Jesus told His followers that they should also tell people about God's love.

Did you know that you and I can tell people how God loves them? We can say it with words and we can also tell them of God's love by the way we treat them.

End with a prayer: "Thank You, God, for making the world. Thank You for all Your miracles." Amen.

HYMN: "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place.
And I know that it's the presence of the Lord.
Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet Heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings, we lift our hearts to You,
Without a doubt you'll know that we have been revived
When we shall leave this place.

(Everyone greet one another)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Heavenly Father,

Put in each of us a love for other people just like You have in Your great heart. Help us to become better people each day. Especially we pray that You would help those people who are poor and hurt and sick.

We make 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:

God, send us forth as Your children to live more like the example that Jesus lived for us to follow. 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

MUSICIANS: