

THE
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ORDER OF SERVICE

COVENANT CENTER CHAPEL

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF

June 24, 2007

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

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

“I will lift up my eyes to the hills from where God comes. God is my help.”

Psalm 121

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 Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

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Let angels prostrate fall.

Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all.

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READING OF THE PSALMS

Psalm 42

“Just like a wild animal thirsts for water, so I want to be close to the Lord. Night and day I want to be close to God. I like to see many people come to church and worship God. It makes me sad when they do not love God.”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of All,

You are everything we will ever need. You are everything we need for today.
Help us to be the people whom You need today.

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, stand)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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 for 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

Jonah 4

"Jonah did not want the people to love God so he got mad. When he fell asleep, God made a bush to grow and give him shade. Jonah liked the shade. That night a worm ate the bush. Jonah cared more for the bush than the people. God said he should care more for people."

MESSAGE

“God is Patient”

(For this sermon, all that is needed is an old cane fishing pole. But you can supplement it with other fishing paraphernalia.)

We have been studying about the man Jonah. God had called him to preach to the people and tell them of his love. Of course, you remember how Jonah ran away and was swallowed by the whale. You remember how eventually he came back and preached. That was when something odd happened. Jonah got mad at the people when they began to love God and do what He wanted them to do.

Jonah got so upset that he finally went to sleep. While he was asleep God caused a bush to grow and give him some shade.

Jonah liked that. Shade on a hot day is nice.

But that night God allowed a worm to get on the bush and eat it. That caused the bush to die. Jonah liked having the shade; he did not want the bush to die. So God told Jonah that he needed to have patience with the people just like God had patience with him.

But patience is hard to get, is it not?

That is why I brought this fishing pole with me. To be a good fisherman you have to have a lot of patience. You have to sit in your boat or on the river bank and wait for the fish to come swimming by and take the bait. You cannot make them take your hook. You have to be patient.

Next time you see a fishing pole, or a fish, or you even think about a fish. Remember Jonah. Remember that God is patient with you and me just like he was patient with Jonah.

End with a prayer: “Thank You dear God for being patient with us. Help us to love other people to be patient with them. Thank You for always loving us.” 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,

Thank You, Dear God, that Your love for us never fails. We see Your love in the rain and in the sunshine. Help us also to be caring for others. Help us to treat them gently and have a kind word for them. 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