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# ORDER OF SERVICE

## COVENANT CENTER CHAPEL SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF *June 8, 2008*

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

### PRELUDE

### INVOCATION

“It is beautiful to see those who bring the Lord’s good news, who proclaim peace, who say, ‘God reigns.’”

Psalm 132:8-9

### 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:** “Immortal, Invisible”

Immortal, invisible God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,

Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

**READING OF THE PSALMS**

PSALM 23

**“The Lord is like a shepherd to me. He gives me everything I need.  
He gives me fresh food and water and energy. He leads me in the right way to go.  
Even in the dark, I am not afraid because He is with me.  
He protects me.  
He prepares food for me in front of everyone, and He welcomes me like I am special.  
His goodness and love will go with me all of my life, and I will live with Him  
forever.”**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Dear God,

We thank You that You made everything in the world so that we could be taken care of.  
We know that You supply all of our needs. You are so wise and caring. Thank You.

In Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

**HYMN: “ I Must Tell Jesus”**

I must tell Jesus all of my trials; I cannot bear these  
Burdens alone; In my distress He kindly will help me;  
He ever loves and cares for His own. I must tell Jesus!  
I must tell Jesus! I cannot bear these burdens alone; I must tell Jesus!  
I must tell Jesus! Jesus can help me Jesus alone.

**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:** “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

Jesus, keep me near the cross,  
There a precious fountain,  
Free to all a healing stream,  
Flows from Calv’ry’s mountain.  
In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,  
Till my raptured soul shall find  
Rest beyond the river.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Galatians 5:22-23

**“God’s Spirit gives us love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility and self-control. It is always right to behave like this.”**

**MESSAGE**

“Good Fruit”

(For this week’s object lesson, I have brought the bowl of plastic fruit that sits on our breakfast table at home.)

Today’s scripture text tells us a truth that Paul wanted to share with all the Christians in a place called Galatia. But it was not just true for them; it is equally something that we all need to hear and make a part of our lives as well.

Let me begin by showing you this basket of fruit. How many of you like to eat things like pears, grapes, and peaches? Most all of us do.

Did you know that these kinds of foods are good for you? They are! Fruits have vitamins and other nutrients that are necessary for you to be healthy.

Well, the Bible tells us that there is another kind of fruit that is healthy for our spirits. They are called FRUITS of the SPIRIT.

Can you remember what they are? Help me to list them:

LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, HUMILITY AND SELF-CONTROL.

When we are practicing being loving or patient or being humble, we are doing what is important to God.

End with a prayer: “We thank You, Loving God, that You always love us. Help us to show our love by being kind and forgiving to one another.” Amen.

**HYMN:** “Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word;  
Just to rest upon His promise,  
And to know, "Thus saith the Lord."  
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!  
How I proved Him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust Him more!

( Everyone greet one another)

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

God of All,

Today, loving God, with thank You for Your love and Your mercy and compassion. We thank You that You do not just say the words, but that You show Your love by taking care of us. We know that You love all people. Help us to show our love for others by being kind and patient, and controlling our selves. Forgive us when we fail.

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:**

O God, bless us and keep us safe and help us to be a blessing to others. 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**