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ORDER OF SERVICE

COVENANT CENTER CHAPEL SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF *March 30, 2008*

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

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

“Lord, who can live in Your church? The person who lives a good life, who does good things, who says the truth. That person can live in Your church.”

Psalm 15:1-2

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 51

“Be good to me, O God, because of Your love. Wash away my bad things and make me clean. I understand my faults. You want us to be honest. Fill my mind with Your wisdom.”

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.

HYMN: “Standing On the Promises”

Standing on the promises of Christ my King, Through eternal ages let
His praises ring. Glory in the highest I will shout and sing, Standing on
The promises of God. Standing, standing, standing on the promises of
God my Savior. Standing, standing, I’m standing on the promises of God

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 28:19-20

“Jesus said, ‘Go and tell everyone of the things I have done and taught you. And I will always be with you.’”

MESSAGE

“Jesus Is All You Need”

(The prop for today is a box containing the following items: a toothbrush, a game, a glass and some individually wrapped pieces of candy.)

Well, you can see that I have brought my surprise box with me today. I have brought something inside of it also. Actually there are a number of things. Let me show you what they are. (As you tell of each object in the box, take it out and show it to the congregation. Then replace it in the box.) Here is a water glass, and here is a sack of gumdrops. Also I have brought with me a toothbrush and last of all I have a game that is fun to play with a friend.

Now the reason I have brought these things is that I want to talk about sharing today. Is it good for us to share? (Most people will say ‘yes.’) Are we being nice when we share with others? (Again, most people will say ‘yes.’ Well, let’s see!

(Reach in the box and take out the game or toy. Here I have a toy. Toys are fun to play with. They are even more fun if we play them with a friend.

Would it be a good thing to share a toy with a friend? (Yes)

Now here I have a water glass. Water glasses help us to drink water. But after we have put our mouths to the glass and have drunk from it, is it a good thing to give it to someone else to drink? (No)

(Present the other two items, candy and toothbrush, in a similar way. It is good to share candy but not a toothbrush.)

You are correct. There are some things that it is best not to share. But there are also things that are good to share.

Sharing the good things that Jesus did and the truths that He taught is a good thing. It would please God to know that we share things like love and kindness.

End with a prayer: “We thank You, Loving God, that You have been good to us and that You have taught us to love. Help us to treat others that way also. In Jesus’ Name 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 me a clear, shining light and take away all the bad things I have done. Help me to keep my thoughts on You, and help me to find in You a peace for my heart and soul. Send me Your truth to guide me each day as no other in this world can lead me. Help me to think loving thoughts of others just as You do.

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