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SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF

March 4, 2007

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

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

“They that wait upon the Lord, shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint.”

Isaiah 40:31

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: “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

Christ the Lord is risen today Alleluia!

Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

READING OF THE PSALMS

PSALM 27

“The Lord is my light and my salvation, so I will not be afraid of anything. If a bad person tries to hurt me, the Lord will protect me. Even if many bad people try to harm me, I will not be afraid. I will trust in God. God takes care of me and protects me. My trust is in the Lord. He will take care of me. He has good things for those who love Him.”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Living Lord,

Thank You for loving us so much that You came to live among us and show us how to live. Help us to learn to live more like You did.

In Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

HYMN: "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake my soul and sing Of Him Who died for thee;
And hail Him as the matchless King Thro' all eternity.

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: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

When I survey the wondrous cross,
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippeans 3:17-20

"Copy the way I live, my friends. Look at the way I live, and you do the same. There are other people who do not live the right way. They live the way of sin. They do not love God."

"But we belong to Jesus."

MESSAGE

“ANYTHING YOU CAN DO ...”

(The ‘object lesson’ for today is of an audio logical nature. I have downloaded from the internet a few bars of the song “Anything You Can Do, I Can Do Better.” This is the music written by Irvin Berlin and sung by Ethel Merman in the 1950 musical “Annie Get Your Gun.” It is sort of catchy, and usually music of that nature attracts the interests of my residents. Hopefully, when I play it on the portable CD player, the words will also make a bit of an entre’ toward the idea I want to convey of using good role models for Christian behavior.)

(Begin by playing the song “Anything You Can Do, I Can Do Better,” but then turn it off.)

All of us can think of someone who sets a good example for us. I would bet that each one of us knows of someone whom we admire so much we would like to be just like them.

It may be your mother or father, your brother or sister. That person may be a staff member or a friend. But each of us can think of somebody that we would like to be like.

Maybe it is the way they dress or the way they talk. It could be the way they treat other people. There might be many things about them that we admire so much it causes us to want to be like them.

We call people like that ‘role models.’

Paul was telling the people then that they should choose role models who love God and love to behave like God wants us to act. Then we should copy them.

The song I was playing (play it again) sort of says that doesn’t it?

We should all live in such a loving way that others could copy us. And we should choose people that God would want us to copy.

End with prayer: Lord our God, Teach us and show us how to live that will be pleasing to You and good for others to follow.

In Christ Jesus we pray, Amen

HYMN: “Fairest Lord Jesus”

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the Son;
Thee will I cherish, The will I honor,
Thou my soul’s glory, joy and crown.

(Everyone greet one another)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Holy God,

We thank You for giving us good examples to follow. Especially today we thank You for the good people in our lives. We know that they are blessings to us sent from You. That is because You are so loving and forgiving. Help us to live our lives so close to You that we will also be loving and forgiving.

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 bless you and keep you,
May the Lord cause His countenance to shine upon you,
And give you peace today and always, 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