

THE
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ORDER OF SERVICE

COVENANT CENTER CHAPEL SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF *March 9, 2008*

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

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

“The real sacrifice that God wants from us is a humble spirit. Amen”

Psalm 51:17

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 Glory, Laud and Honor”

All glory, laud and honor, to Thee Redeemer King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David’s Royal Son,
Who in the Lord’s name cometh, the King and Blessed One.

**“Give thanks to God for He is good. His Love lasts forever.
Open the door of His temple, and let us go in and worship.
The stone which the builders would not have has become the most important stone
of all.
This is God’s wonderful work. Let us be happy and celebrate.”**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Heavenly Father,

Touch our lives and stir our spirits so that others may see You living in us. Let our lights of love and care show so strongly that others may be drawn to You..

In Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

HYMN: “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

In the cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o’er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

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: “Onward Christian Soldiers”

Onward Christian soldiers, Marching as to war
With the cross of Jesus Going on before!
Christ the Royal Master, Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle, See His banner go!
Onward, Christian soldiers Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:1-11

“Jesus sent His friends to find a donkey. Jesus rode into the town. The people laid tree branches for the donkey to walk on. Then they shouted, “Praise the One God sends!” They also said, “This is Jesus, the prophet.”

MESSAGE

“IF YOU’RE HAPPY, YOU KNOW IT!”

One of the songs that our choir sings is “If You’re Happy and You Know It.” It is a good song and it has a truth to it. When people are happy, they want to show it. In the song, if you’re happy, you clap your hands, then you stomp your feet and then you say ‘Amen.’

Of course there are many ways to show that you are happy. One way is to smile.

On the day that Jesus came to Jerusalem, many people wanted to show that they were happy. They did it in several ways. Some of them shouted, “Hosannah!” Some of them laid palm branches down in front of the donkey He was riding. Some of them put their coats down for the donkey to walk on. And some of them said, “Blessed be the One who comes in the name of the Lord!”

Today is a day to be happy, and I want you to help me show that we are happy. We are going to sing the song I mentioned earlier, ‘If You’re Happy and You Know It.’ Remember that there are three motions in the song --- to clap your hands, stomp your feet and say ‘Amen.’

(Sing)

HYMN: “If You’re Happy and You Know It’

If you’re happy and you know it, clap your hands.

If you’re happy and you know it, clap your hands.

If you’re happy and you know, then your face will surely show it, clap your hands.

2. (Stomp your feet)

3. (Say, “Amen.”)

4. (All three)

(Everyone greet one another)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

God of Love,

You are so good to us, we cannot help but worship You. We thank You for Your goodness. We thank You for the food we have to eat as well as all the other blessings that You give to us. Help us to be good to others also.

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:

Glory be to God Who has all grace,
Who has called us into His eternal glory in Christ,
To Him belongs all glory and power forever and ever, 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