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ORDER OF SERVICE

COVENANT CENTER CHAPEL SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF *November 4, 2007*

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

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

“Let everyone exalt the Lord and worship at His feet, for God is holy.” (Psalm 99.5)

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 greater Son,
Who in the Lord’s name cometh, the King and Blessed One

God says to the whole earth,
'Gather my faithful people to me, those who keep my word.'
The Lord says, I do not need what you have.
Let your giving of thanks be your sacrifice.
Giving thanks is the sacrifice that is true worship.'

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Giving God,

We pray that today You would increase our love for You so that we might better know what it means to have You living in our lives. Help us to show in the way that we live and the way we treat others that You are our God.

In Jesus Christ 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,
Thee will I honor,
Thou my soul's glory, joy and crown.

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: "He Leadeth Me"

He leadeth me, O Blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whatever I do, wherever I be, still 'tis Thy hand that leadeth me.
He leadeth me, He leadeth me, By His own hand He leadeth me.
His faithful follower I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 17

God told Abraham, "If you will do as I say, I will amkeee your family very large."

But Abraham said, "I am too old to have children."

God said to him, "Nothing is too hard for me."

MESSAGE

"Waiting for God"

(Object lesson: A family heirloom small enough to be held but large enough to be seen. In my case it happens to be hammer that has been passed down through the generations within the family.)

I know that this looks like a simple carpenters hammer to you. But actually it is a very special hammer to my family. It has been in the Phillips family for about four generations going back to at least 1882. Now I knew when I was a little boy about 8 years of age that one day I would inherit this hammer. I knew that one day it would be mine. But it was not until about 7 years ago that I actually got it. My father promised it to me more than 50 years ago, but I had to wait all that time in order to inherit it.

There are some things in life for which you just have to be patient and wait. One of the things we sometimes have to wait for is God.

Abraham had to wait for God also. He lived a long time ago. He is called the Father of our Faith. Actually Abraham was the father of three different faiths, Islam, Judaism and Christianity.

God told Abraham that if he would obey God in all things, God would make his family very large. His children and grandchildren would become so many that they would be a nation. When God told him this, Abraham was already very old. He did not have any children. So Abraham began to wonder if God was wrong. The longer he waited for children, the more Abraham worried about God keeping his promise.

But while Abraham worried, God knew what He was doing. In time, Abraham did have a son, and that son had grandchildren and they had even more children.

God kept His promise. Even though Abraham worried and waited, in time God kept His promise.

HYMN: "When We All Get to Heaven"

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, Sing His mercy and His grace;
In the mansions bright and blessed, He'll prepare for us a place.
When we all get to heaven, What a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus, We'll sing and shout the victory!

(Everyone greet one another)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

God of All,

As we look at our lives, we become aware that You have blessed us and have watched over us. We know that You are good to us in so many ways. For Your goodness we thank You. Thank You for loving everyone. We pray for You to heal those who need You in this time. We want You to comfort those who are sad and be close to those who are lonely.

We pray this prayer in the name of Him 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 the Father bless you and keep you, the Lord cause His face to shine upon you and give you peace this day and forevermore. 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

MUSICIAN: