

THE
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DEVOTION, WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL
RESOURCE FOR CHURCHES MINISTERING TO
THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED. THIS IS A
FREE SERVICE OF THE COVENANT CHAPEL AT
THE J. IVERSON RIDDLE DEVELOPMENTAL
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ORDER OF SERVICE

COVENANT CENTER CHAPEL

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF

October 7, 2007

(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. Because of Your great goodness, wipe away my sins. Wash away my bad things and make me clean. I have done bad things. 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, 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 6:9-13

“Jesus said, ‘This is how you should pray:

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 the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.”

MESSAGE

“A Prayer for Everybody”

(The prop for this Sunday’s service is already made by our Adaptive Equipment Department along with the Speech and Language Therapy Department here at the J. Iverson Riddle Developmental Center. It is a booklet of the Lord’s Prayer on laminated pages along with signs or pictures of the words. They are already distributed on the pews of the chapel.)

(Have everyone pick up a copy of the Lord’s Prayer.)

Many of you know what this is. It is a copy of the Lord’s Prayer.

All of you have heard it somewhere before. Where? Yes, that is right. You have heard it right here in the chapel.

In fact, most of you help me pray it each Sunday morning in the worship service. Most of us have already learned to repeat it by heart

One day, the followers of Jesus asked Him to teach them how to pray. His answer was this prayer. A lot of times we may not know what to say to God in a prayer. This is a guide to help us. I think it would be a good idea for us to pray this prayer together. It is okay for us to open our eyes and follow the words in the books that you are holding.

Let’s pray together:

(Repeat the Lord’s Prayer)

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