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COVENANT CENTER CHAPEL

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF

September 16, 2007

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

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

“When I was upset, I prayed to the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free.”

Psalm 118:5

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 Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

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Let angels prostrate fall.

Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all.

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READING OF THE PSALMS

Psalm 104

“Praise the Lord, O angels; praise His glory and power. Praise the Lord’s glorious name; bow down before Him. The voice of the Lord is heard upon the seas. When the voice of God thunders, it is heard across the ocean. His voice makes the lightening to flash, and makes the desert to shake. The Lord rules as king forever. He gives strength to His people, and He blesses them with peace.”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of All,

You are everything we will ever need. You are everything we need for today.
Help us to be the people whom You need today.

In Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

HYMN: "Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children"

Praise Him, Praise Him, all ye little children,
God is love, God is love;
Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children,
God is love, God is love.

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 9:35

"Jesus loved all the people. There were many people. So Jesus went from town to town telling them of God's love." Jesus needed some help. He asked some people to help Him tell about God's love. They were called disciples."

MESSAGE

“Going On Faith”

(For this sermon, the object lesson is a simple suit case. Along with a list of items to be packed in the suit case.)

In a few weeks Sue and I are going to take a vacation. We are going to fly on an airplane to a place called Nova Scotia. That is way up north in another country --- Canada. We are going to be gone a whole week. We will miss you while we are gone, but we will come back in few days. I hope you will miss us too.

Before we go, I have got to pack up all the things I am going to need for a whole week. Let me see now. I will need:

- a shaving kit
- about six pairs of pants and shirts too
- a few pairs of shoes
- a lot of shirts
- a book to read on the air plane
- a camera for taking pictures
- I had better not forget the plane tickets

You may know that one time Jesus sent His disciples on a trip. Now, the odd thing about it was that He told them not to take anything with them. That is correct. He told them not to worry about taking money or food or a change of clothes. They were just to go like they were.

Now there was simple reason that Jesus would tell them to do that. He was telling them that they needed to depend upon Him and not upon themselves. It was not the disciples job to worry about taking care of themselves. Their job was to tell other people of God's love.

Even today, God wants us to care more about living other people than He wants us to care about how we are dressed and how much money we have.

End with a prayer: “Thank You dear God for taking care of us. Thank You for always loving us.” Amen.

HYMN: “The Nail-scarred Hand”

Have you failed in your plan of your storm-tossed life?
Place your hand in the nail-scarred hand;
Are you weary and worn from its toil and strife?
Place your hand in the nail-scarred hand.
Place your hand in the nail scarred hand,
Place your hand in the nail scarred hand;
He will keep to the end, He's your dearest friend,
Place your hand in the nail-scarred hand.

(Everyone greet one another)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

God of Love,

Thank You, Dear God, that Your love for us never fails. We see Your love in the rain and in the sunshine. Help us also to be caring for others. Help us to treat them gently and have a kind word for them. We also ask that You take care of others who need Your help.

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 of Love make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope and untiring in love this day and all the days of your lives.

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