

THE
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ORDER OF SERVICE

COVENANT CENTER CHAPEL

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF

September 23, 2007

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

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

“The Lord rules everywhere over everything; let us all be very happy.”

(Psalm 24:1)

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: “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace.
Jesus the name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease;
‘Tis music in the sinner’s ears, ‘Tis life and health and peace.

READING OF THE PSALMS

Psalm 111

“The Lord is wonderful! With all of my heart I will give thanks to God in front of other people. God does wonderful things. He provides us with food, and He never forgets us. He has given us a home, and His words are always true. The way to become wise is to love Him. God is to be praised forever!”

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: "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood from Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, save from wrath and make me pure.

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

John 6: 12

"When all the people had enough to eat, Jesus said to get all the leftovers together. He did not want anything wasted. The leftovers filled twelve baskets."

MESSAGE

“Do You Like Leftovers?”

Objects: Twelve Tupperware brand left over food storage containers.

Do you see what I have brought with me today? These are storage containers for food. Specifically, these are for leftovers. After Sue and I have eaten a meal, many times, in fact most times, we have food left over. It might be some meat or it may be vegetables. Quite often there is bread left over from our meal.

We do not want to be wasteful, so we save it in containers like these and place them in the refrigerator. Sometimes we put them in the freezer, but we save them until another time when the left over food might be part of another meal. Most families do that.

Quite often, I also bring these containers with me to work where the leftovers from a meal become my lunch here at the Center.

These containers make it easy to not waste food.

One time when Jesus was teaching a large crowd of people, it was lunch time. They did not have food, but a little boy offered Jesus his lunch. Jesus worked a miracle and fed a huge crowd of people with just that little boy's lunch. In fact, the miracle was such a success that there was a lot of food left over. There was enough leftovers to fill twelve of these containers and serve for another meal.

Not only does this story about Jesus tell us that He could work miracles, but it also tells us that God does not want us to be wasteful. He wants us to be careful and thankful for all His blessings to us.

End with a prayer: Thank You dear God for giving us all that we have and taking care of us. Thank You for loving us always. In Jesus' name 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.

(Everyone greet one another)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

God of All,

Your love for all people is wonderful. Because You chose to love us first, we can not help but love You. Help us also to love others the way You do. Help us to show it in being kind and understanding.

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