Worship Service ***May 25, 2008***

Call to Worship

For the LORD your God is the God of gods and Lord of lords. He is the great God, the mighty and awesome God, who shows no partiality and cannot be bribed. Deuteronomy 10:17

Welcome & Prayer

Praise & Worship

Scripture Reading – **James 2:1-13** NLT

Sermon
A Box of Chocolates
Pastor Roger

Offering

Communion

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Sermon Notes

Scripture *James 2:1-13 NLT*

1 My dear brothers and sisters, how can you claim to have faith in
our glorious Lord Jesus Christ if you favor some people over
others?

2 For example, suppose someone comes into your meeting
dressed in fancy clothes and expensive jewelry, and another
comes in who is poor and dressed in dirty clothes. 3 If you give
special attention and a good seat to the rich person, but you say
to the poor one, "You can stand over there, or else sit on the
floor"—well, 4 doesn't this discrimination show that your
judgments are guided by evil motives?

5 Listen to me, dear brothers and sisters. Hasn't God chosen the
poor in this world to be rich in faith? Aren't they the ones who will
inherit the Kingdom he promised to those who love him? 6 But
you dishonor the poor! Isn't it the rich who oppress you and drag
you into court? 7 Aren't they the ones who slander Jesus Christ,
whose noble name you bear?

8 Yes indeed, it is good when you obey the royal law as found in
the Scriptures: "Love your neighbor as yourself." 9 But if you
favor some people over others, you are committing a sin. You are
guilty of breaking the law.

10 For the person who keeps all of the laws except one is as
guilty as a person who has broken all of God's laws. 11 For the
same God who said, "You must not commit adultery," also said,
"You must not murder." So if you murder someone but do not
commit adultery, you have still broken the law.

12 So whatever you say or whatever you do, remember that you
will be judged by the law that sets you free. 13 There will be no
mercy for those who have not shown mercy to others. But if you
have been merciful, God will be merciful when he judges you.