

Interfaith Worship Service



Love Never Fails

Wood Badge

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Sunday, May 6, 2012

Call to Worship – Jennifer Davis

The Word of God is planted in our hearts.

May our hearts be nourished by the Word.

The Love of God rains down on us.

May our souls soak in the wonder of God's love.

The Breath of God blows softly within us.

May our minds be stirred by the power of God's spirit.

Invocation – Frances Scott

Opening Song – Mike Milone

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

An Act of Friendship – Charles Aardema

Please exchange an act of friendship with the people immediately surrounding you.

Responsive Reading – Kerry Turner

“Scout Law”

Scout: A Scout is Trustworthy.

Leader: Character is what makes a man; and reputation is what people think about him. A young person of character is worthy of trust. No one is worthy of trust who does not recognize his dignity and the dignity of all people as children of God.

Scout: A Scout is Loyal.

Leader: Because our first loyalty is to God, a Scout is loyal to all to whom loyalty is due -his parents, his place of worship, and his country.

Scout: A Scout is Helpful.

Leader: Many faiths teach that the good turn we do for others will be considered as service to their God. Our motive or reason for being helpful is that we see God in everyone. The entire Scouting movement gives us an opportunity to be helpful.

Scout: A Scout is Friendly.

Leader: All humankind are brothers and sisters. Recognizing this, a scout should be a friend to all, and a brother to every other Scout.

Scout: A Scout is Courteous.

Responsive Reading – Continued

Leader: A Scout respects everyone. The meaning of love as a Scout should be taken from the words, “I have not come to be served, but to serve.”

Scout: A Scout is Kind.

Leader: A Scout respects other living creatures, never abusing or mistreating.

Scout: A Scout is Obedient.

Leader: A Scout should obey, not because he has to, but because the one leading is someone in authority, and is right in doing so. Victory comes from obedience to all in authority so long as they deserve our obedience.

Scout: A Scout is Cheerful.

Leader: A Scout will have joy in his heart and manifest it outwardly by his cheerful manner.

Scout: A Scout is Thrifty.

Leader: By being thrifty, we are taught self-respect, making us willing to be a burden to others. Far from being a burden, through thrift we are able to help others. A Scout also is deeply concerned with preserving our natural resources.

Scout: A Scout is Brave.

Responsive Reading – Continued

Leader: A Scout can face danger even if he is afraid.

Scout: A Scout is Clean.

Leader: A Scout keeps clean in body and thought; he stands for clean speech, clean sport, and clean habits and he travels with a clean crowd.

Scout: A Scout is Reverent.

Leader: A Scout is reverent to God. He is faithful in his religious duties and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion.

Prayer – Lamont Barnes

Lord of all and friend to many, help us lead our scouts with the love and compassion you show us. Enable us to demonstrate the patience you have shown and continue to show us daily. Let us remember the time and sacrifice others have invested in us that we will reinvest back in our Scouts. Let us never forget the love we have shared during our Wood Badge journey. And when the storms of life rise and the winds blow against our Scouts; let them draw from the tools that we have taught them to become the leaders that will always be guided by the Scouting principles—being trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent. May our prayer be recorded and cemented eternally into our hearts.

Song #2 – Choir

Reading from Religious or Inspiration Source – Charles Aardema

Proverbs 22:6 - Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Personal Moment of Prayer – Barry Bedard

Mohawk Indian Prayer

Oh Great Spirit, Creator of all things;

Human Beings, trees, grass, berries.

Help us, be kind to us.

Let us be happy on earth.

Let us lead our children

To a good life and old age.

These our people; give them good minds

To love one another.

Oh Great Spirit,

Be kind to us

Give these people the favor

To see green trees,

Green grass, flowers, and berries

This next spring;

So we all meet again

Oh Great Spirit,

We ask of you.

Today's Message – Charles Aardema

Proverbs 22:6 - Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Song #3 – For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies.
For the love from which our birth
Over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This hymn of grateful praise.

Offering (World Friendship Fund) – Donald Hill

Benediction – Donald Hill

Heavenly father, Lord, God, Maker of all things,
We your children of our many faiths,
Are gathered here as Scouts,
We know you by many a name,
But our need remains the same.
Hear this our prayer.
Be with us in all that we do.
Open our hearts and minds to your will.
Guide us with your gentle hand that we
Might better live our Scout Promise and Law
Knowing that we are thankful for the gift of life,
The opportunity to serve, and the wonders of your creation.
As we depart this our meeting place,
Help us to know, to understand, and to do
our “Duty to God and Country.”
By Michael F. Bowman
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