

## **Benediction – Steven Smith**

### The Scout Beatitudes

Blessed are the Scouts who are taught to see beauty in all things around them...  
for their world will be a place of grace and wonder.

Blessed are the Scouts who are led with patience and understanding...  
for they will learn the strength of endurance and the gift of tolerance.

Blessed are the Scouts who are provided a home where family members dwell in harmony and close communion...  
for they shall become the peacemakers of the world.

Blessed are the Scouts who are taught the value and power of truth...  
for they shall search for knowledge and use it with wisdom and discernment.

Blessed are the Scouts who are guided by those with faith in a loving God...  
for they will find Him early and will walk with Him through life.

Blessed are the Scouts who are loved and know that they are loved...  
for they shall sow seeds of love in the world and reap joy for themselves and others.

# **Interfaith Worship Service**



## **The Wonders of His Works**

Wood Badge

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## **Call to Worship – Shawn Coffey**

**Leader:** Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

**ALL:** Serve the Lord with gladness!

**Leader:** Come into His presence with singing! Know that the Lord is GOD!

**ALL:** It is He that made us, and we are His;

**Leader:** We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,

**ALL:** And His courts with praise!

**Leader:** Give thanks to Him; bless His name! For the Lord is good;

**ALL:** His steadfast love endures for ever, And His faithfulness to all generations.

## **Hymn – For the Beauty of the Earth - Lowrey Holthaus (All)**

(Page 18 of the Song Book)

## **An Act of Friendship – Mark Bernas (All)**

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

## **Personal Prayer – Bill Eggleston**

Let us give thanks for this day and for the opportunities it brings. Please use the silence to reflect on your many opportunities. For the opportunity

To Live,.....To Learn, .....To Share,.....To Grow,.....

To Give,..... To Care, .....and To Forgive

## **Scripture Reading – Psalms 19: 1-6 – John Magruder**

The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Day after day they pour forth speech;  
night after night they reveal knowledge.

They have no speech, they use no words;  
no sound is heard from them.

Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,  
their words to the ends of the world.

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.  
It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,  
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

It rises at one end of the heavens  
and makes its circuit to the other;  
nothing is deprived of its warmth.

## **Today's Message – Wonders of His Works - Les Thorpe**

## **Offering, World Friendship Fund – Craig Britt**

## Group Prayer — Steve Hutchinson (All)

OH GREAT SPIRIT,

Whose voice I hear in the winds,

Whose breath gives life to the world, hear me . . .

I am small and weak.

I need your strength and wisdom.

May I walk in beauty.

Make my eyes behold the red and purple sunset.

Make my hands respect the things you have made,  
and my ears sharp to hear your voice.

Make me wise so that I may know

the things you have taught your children,

the lessons you have written in every leaf and rock.

Make me strong, not to be superior to my brothers,  
but to fight my greatest enemy - myself.

Make me ready to come to you with straight eyes  
so that when life fades as the fading sunset

my spirit may come to you without shame.

**Chief Yellow Lark, Sioux, 1887**

## Responsive Reading – Charlotte Pemberton

The Scout Law and the World's Wisdom

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**Leader:** From the wisdom of Mesoamerica: "Never lie, for it is a great failing. When you tell anyone what has been told to you, tell the simple truth, and add nothing to it." (Biant, *The Aztecs*, from "An Aztec Father's Exhortations to his Son")

**ALL:** A Scout is Trustworthy.

**Leader:** From the wisdom of Confucianism: "The duties of universal obligation are five, and the moral qualities by which they are carried out are three. The duties are those between ruler and subject, between parents and children, between husband and wife, between elder sibling and younger, and those in the intercourse between friends. ... Wisdom, compassion and courage—these are the three universally recognized moral qualities of human beings." (*The Golden Mean*, section 13)

**ALL:** A Scout is Loyal.

**Leader:** From the wisdom of the Quran, the scriptures of Islam: "The righteous give sustenance to the poor, the orphan, and the captive, saying, 'We feed you for God's sake only; we seek of you neither recompense nor thanks.'" (*Quran 76:8-9*)

**ALL:** A Scout is Helpful.

**Leader:** From the wisdom of Muhammad, the prophet of Islam: "All God's creatures are God's family; and the one is the most beloved of God who does most good to God's creatures." (Abdullah and Al-Suhrawardy, *Sayings of Muhammad*, p. 89)

**ALL:** A Scout is Friendly.

## Responsive Reading—continued

**Leader:** From the wisdom of Buddhism: "Avoid harsh language ... [and] speak such words as are gentle, soothing to the ear, loving, such words as go to the heart, and are courteous, friendly, and agreeable to many." (*Anguttara Nik-ya* 10.176)

**ALL:** A Scout is Courteous.

**Leader:** From the wisdom of Hillel, a sage of Judaism: "A certain heathen came to Hillel and said to him: Convert me provided that you teach me the entire Torah while I stand on one foot. ... Hillel ... said to him: What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbor: that is the entire Torah; the rest is commentary; go and learn it." (*Shabbat* 31a)

**ALL:** A Scout is Kind.

**Leader:** From the wisdom of the Book of Samuel, a shared scripture of Jews and Christians: "Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord. Surely, to obey is better than sacrifice." (1 Samuel 15:22)

**ALL:** A Scout is Obedient.

**Leader:** From the wisdom of Taoism: "If you look to others for fulfillment, you will never be truly fulfilled. If your happiness depends on money, you will never be happy with yourself. Be content with what you have; rejoice in the way things are." (*Tao Te Ching*, 44)

**ALL:** A Scout is Cheerful.

## Responsive Reading—continued

**Leader:** From a parable of Jesus of Nazareth: "The master said to his steward, 'Well done, good and trustworthy servant; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'" (Matthew 25:21)

**ALL:** A Scout is Thrifty.

**Leader:** From the wisdom of the Sioux: "With the Sioux, courage is absolute self- control. The truly brave one, we contend, yields neither to fear nor anger, desire nor agony. The brave one is at all times master of oneself." (Ohiyesa, *The Soul of the Indian*, 115)

**ALL:** A Scout is Brave.

**Leader:** From the wisdom of Hinduism: "Let one therefore keep the mind pure, for what one thinks that one becomes: this is a mystery of Eternity." (*Maitri Upanishad* VI:24)

**ALL:** A Scout is Clean.

**Leader:** From the wisdom of Augustine, a saint of Christianity: "You, O God, awake us to delight in your praise; for you made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you." (Augustine, *Confessions*, I.1.3)

**ALL:** A Scout is Reverent.

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