

Interfaith Worship Service

CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalms 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!
Know that the Lord is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his!
We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter into his gates with thanksgiving,
And his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!
For the Lord is good;
His steadfast love endures forever,
And his faithfulness to all generations.

INVOCATION

O Lord, our Heavenly father, we lift our hearts to thee at the beginning of this new day. We come to this time and place of worship with thy beauty all about us; in the sky, in the trees, in the earth, and in all thy creation. We praise thee, and come to worship thee. Blessed art thou, O Lord our God, who gives us each new day. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING

Leader: A true and worthy person recognizes his obligations and does them without being watched or compelled.

Scouts: A Scout is trustworthy.

Leader: We owe much to many—to home, school, community, nation, and to God.

Scouts: A Scout is loyal.

Leader: The Good Samaritan showed the spirit of doing a Good Turn.

Scouts: A Scout is helpful.

Leader: A real friend is one who remains loyal in victory and in defeat.

Scouts: A Scout is friendly.

Leader: Courtesy is the mark of a true gentleman. It is shown in thoughtful acts and kindly respect for everyone.

Scouts: A Scout is courteous.

Leader: Kindness is the way people show respect for others.

Scouts: A Scout is kind.

Leader: Life is filled with things that we must do whether we like them or not. One of the marks of growing up is to willingly accept responsibilities.

Scouts: A Scout is obedient.

Leader: Our moods make our days. If we are grouchy, our day is gloomy. If we are happy, the day is always happier.

Scouts: A Scout is cheerful.

Leader: The world offers many gifts. A wise man uses them with care.

Scouts: A Scout is thrifty.

Leader: To each of us comes danger, difficult tasks, and temptations. When faced with a choice between courage and cowardice, we must be brave.

Scouts: A Scout is brave.

Leader: Cleanliness is next to godliness. To have a clean body, a clean mind, and a clean record is a rewarding achievement.

Scouts: A Scout is clean.

Leader: Character is determined by the things we worship. If we respect ourselves and our fellow men, and see them as gifts of goodness from God, we live on a high plane.

Scouts: A Scout is reverent.

GIVING THANKS

We do not see the wind,
We only hear it sigh;
It makes the grasses bend,

Whenever it goes by.
We do not see God's love,
But in our hearts we know,
He watches over us,
Wherever we may go.
We do not have to see
To know the wind is here;
We do not have to see
To know God's love is near.

MESSAGE

I asked God for strength that I might achieve;
I was given weakness that I might learn to obey;
I asked for health that I might do greater things;
I was given grace that I might do better things;
I asked for riches that I might be happy;
I was given poverty that I might be wise;
I asked for power that I might have the praise of men;
I was given weakness that I might feel the need for God;
I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life;
I was given life that I might enjoy all things.
I received nothing I asked for,
But everything I wished for, despite myself;
My prayer was answered;
I am among all people most richly blessed.

PRAYER

God of the universe, help us to see the hope of a better future for all people.
Help us to rise above our own likes and dislikes when there are more
important things to consider, and to play our part in achieving some great
good for our country and for the world. Amen.

BENEDICTION

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face to shine
upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord lift up his countenance
upon you, and grant you peace.

(Sources: *Troop Program Resources*, pp. 99-100; *The Best of the Leader Cut-Out Pages*; *A Scout is Reverent: Scout Sunday Observance*)