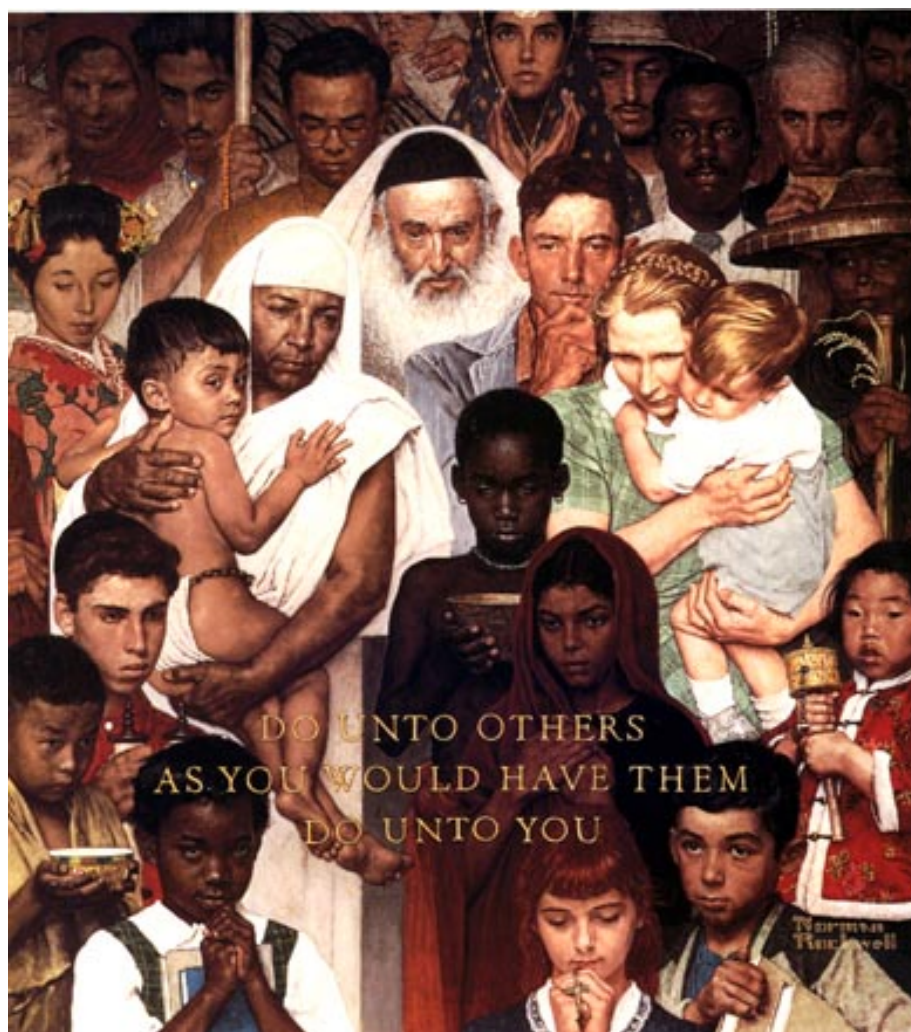


Interfaith Worship Service



Wood Badge

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Sunday, August 26th, 2007

CALL TO WORSHIP (Leader)

“Many are the names of God, and infinite are the forms that lead us to know him. In whatsoever name or form you desire to know him, in that very name and form you will know him”

As we gather to draw near to God, we leave behind the distractions of our busy world. As faithful stewards of the Earth, we praise the Creator and His handiwork.

One way to praise and worship God is through song.

Hymn - *MORNING HAS BROKEN* (All)

**Morning has broken like the first morning;
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!**

**Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass.**

**Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning!
Born in the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,
God's re-creation of the new day.**

Group Prayer (All)

I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good. I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place while not intending it – if I keep His commandments.

Words of Faith and Hope (Leader)

Come together, joining hands and hearts,
Let our hands be links of chain which hold our lives together,
Not a chain of bondage, but a silver cord of strength,
A ribbon of love and faith and community,
Give us slack to sail the wind, yet holding us in mystical embrace,
That we may be alone but never lonely,
That we may be together but never lost in the crowd,
That we may be one without forfeiting uniqueness.

Come together, joining hearts and hands,
And let the spirit of God and the human spirit flow,
In each one and through us all as we gather here,
To share this time and space as we walk together on the journey.

The Scout Law and the World's Wisdom *Compiled by Reverend Timothy B. Cargal, Ph.D.* *For National Capital Area Council Wood Badge Course 82- 84*

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." (Biert, *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." (Ab- dullah and Al- Suhrawardy, *Sayings of Muhammad*, p. 89)

ALL: A Scout is Friendly.

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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.

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.

Leadership (All)

O Lord, grant that we may so carry out in our lives the spirit of the Scout Law, that we may teach it to others by living it ourselves. Grant also, O Lord, that we may understand the true meaning of service to others.

TODAY'S MESSAGE (Leader)

From Baden-Powell, Scouting for Boys

OFFERING

To benefit The World Friendship Fund

TIME FOR REFLECTION

Let us pause for a time of silent, personal meditation.

Personal Prayer (Leader)

Lord Baden-Powell wrote: "First love and serve God, second love and serve your neighbor. In doing your duty to God, always be grateful to Him. Whenever you enjoy a pleasure or a good game, or succeed in doing a good thing, thank Him for it, if only a word or two."

Let us say a silent prayer for our brother or sister on our right.

Our brother or sister on our left.

Our brothers and sisters with whom we work.

Our families.

Our brothers and sisters who we pass on the roads and never get to know.

For our fallen brothers and sisters whether lost by war, an act of terrorism, an accident, sickness or natural means: we pray for them all for we are all brothers and sisters under God.

And for our brothers and sisters who keep our nation free, our communities safe, who fight our fires, who come to heal us and who serve us in the many ways that only God can know them all.

An Act of Friendship (All)

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

A Prayer for Scouting (All)

O Lord, we thank you for the work of Sir Robert Baden-Powell; who in his dedication and wisdom founded the World Scouting Movement.

We thank you for the efforts of those thousands of men and women who have brought Scouting to millions of boys the world over.

We rededicate ourselves to the principles of our Movement -- To do our best -- to do our duty -- to God -- and to our Country. We ask you, O Lord, to give us the strength and courage -- each of us -- to live up to the Scout Oath -- the Scout Law -- and the high ideals of the World Brotherhood of Scouting. Amen.

HYMN (ALL) - (Tune: Edelweiss)

**Come, O Lord, be with us
Fill us with joy and thanksgiving
May our hearts flow with peace
Come with Your love, surround us.
Friendship and peace, may they bloom and grow
Bloom and grow forever.
Bless us now, bless our friends,
Bless all mankind forever.**

BENEDICTION / CLOSING (Leader)

Dear God, thank You for the wondrous opportunity to be a member of this Wood Badge course. Give us the energy and wisdom to enjoy each moment, and the courage to push ourselves further than we ever have before. Bless all members of our troop and its leaders as we continue our journey through Scouting.

(All) - Amen