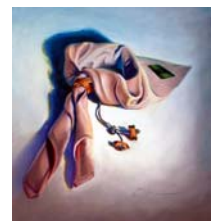


Interfaith Worship Service



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Call to Worship

A Scout is Reverent. A Scout is reverent toward God.
He is faithful in his religious duties.
He respects the beliefs of others. (Boy Scout Handbook)

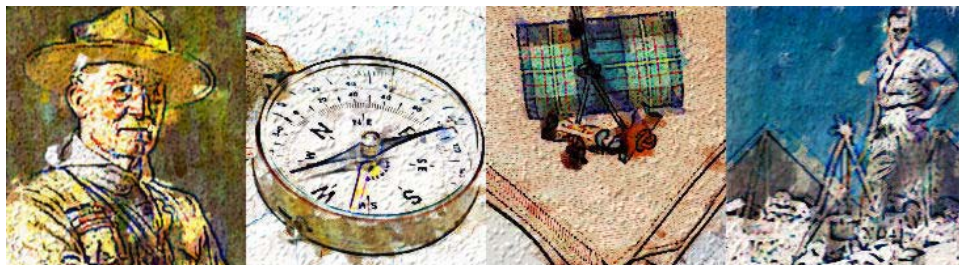
Many are the names God, and infinite are the forms that lead us to know him. In whatsoever name or form you desire to know Him, in that very name and form you will know Him" (Baden-Powell)

Opening Song - Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken like the first morning;
black-bird 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 dew-fall 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 of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!

Aboriginal Morning Greeting

Hello, Divine Oneness.
We are gathered here within You. This special group of Your beings.
We thank You for this day. We thank You for each other.
I thank You for me.
We dedicate this day to the honor of Oneness.
We ask that everything we need be provided for.
We ask that everything we do today, say today, or hear today be
Only to the highest good, in my highest good, in the highest good
For all life everywhere throughout the universe.



Prayer – Campers

Campers are very special people:
They have felt the cool wind of dawn;
They have known the slow march of the stars along the Milky Way;
They have reached out their hands to new friends;
They have stood tiptoe to the meaning of life, and found it good:
Their eyes have caught the vision of the shining future,
Their hearts have encompassed all the bounds of the earth.
And their minds have listened to God.

Present Tense (Responsive Reading)

Leader: It was spring, but it was summer I wanted,
Group: The warm days, and the great outdoors.

It was summer, but it was fall I wanted,
The colorful leaves, and the cool, dry air.

It was fall, but it was winter I wanted,
The beautiful snow, and the joy of the holiday season.

It was winter, but it was spring I wanted,
The warmth, and the blossoming of nature.

I was a child, but it was adulthood I wanted,
The freedom, and the respect.

I was 20, but it was 30 I wanted,
To be mature, and sophisticated.

I was middle aged, but it was 20 I wanted,
The youth, and the free spirit.

I was retired, but it was middle age I wanted,
The presence of mind, without limitations.

My life was over, but I never got what I wanted.
~ Jason Leham (age 14)

Silent Meditation

A Prayer for the Boy Scouts (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 -

When Night Ends...

"How can we determine the hour of dawn - when the night ends and the day begins?" the rabbi asked of his students.

"When, from a distance, you can distinguish between a dog and a sheep?" one of his students suggested. "No" the rabbi answered.

"Is it when you can distinguish between a fig tree and a grapevine?" another student asked. "No" he replied.

"Please tell us the answer, then" said the students.

"It is when you can look into the face of a human being and have enough light to recognize in him your brother," the wise teacher replied.

"Until then, it is night, and the darkness is still with us."

From An Islamic Prayer for Peace

Praise be to the Lord of the Universe who has created us and
Made us into tribes and nations,
That we may know each other, not that We may despise each other.
And trust God, for the Lord is the one that Heareth and knoweth all things.
And the servant of God, Most gracious are those who walk on
The Earth in humility, and when we Address them, we say "peace."



Blowin' In The Wind

How many roads must a man walk down
Before you call him a man?
Yes, 'n' how many seas must a white dove sail
Before she sleeps in the sand?
Yes, 'n' how many times must the cannon balls fly
Before they're forever banned?
The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind,
The answer is blowin' in the wind.

How many years can a mountain exist
Before it's washed to the sea?
Yes, 'n' how many years can some people exist
Before they're allowed to be free?
Yes, 'n' how many times can a man turn his head,
Pretending he just doesn't see?
The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind,
The answer is blowin' in the wind.

How many times must a man look up
Before he can see the sky?
Yes, 'n' how many ears must one man have
Before he can hear people cry?
Yes, 'n' how many deaths will it take till he knows
That too many people have died?
The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind,
The answer is blowin' in the wind.
~ Bob Dylan (1962)

Closing - Ancient Indian Proverb

Treat the earth well.
It was not given to you by your parents,
it was loaned to you by your children.
We do not inherit the Earth from our Ancestors,
we borrow it from our Children.

Go In Peace

