

We have done our best at all times -
Kept our Promise - been prepared,
And hope our good deeds please Him
When at last our souls are bared.

We have lightened others' burdens,
With our smiles along the way,
We have kept our hand in God's hand,
Walked beside Him day by day.

And when our span of life runs out,
We'll make this gentle plea -
May we sit around His Campfire
At the Final Jamboree.

Interfaith Worship Service



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Prelude

Patrick Freeman

Call to Worship

Lou Salute

Leader: A Scout is Reverent. A Scout is reverent towards God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the belief of others.

But they who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. **Isaiah 40:31**

Opening Song – America

Jennifer Jackson/Doug Heim

My country, 'tis of Thee,
Sweet Land of Liberty
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From every mountain side
Let Freedom ring.

Our fathers' God to Thee,
Author of Liberty,
To thee we sing,
Long may our land be bright
With Freedom's holy light,
Protect us by thy might
Great God, our King.

My native country, thee,
Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills,
My heart with rapture thrills
Like that above.

Michael Row the Boat Ashore

Jennifer Jackson/Doug Heim

Michael row the boat ashore, hallelujah
Michael row the boat ashore, hallelujah.

The river Jordan is chilly and cold, hallelujah
Chills the body but warms the soul, hallelujah

Jordan's water is deep and wide, hallelujah
Meet my mother on the other side, hallelujah.

Gabriel, blow the trumpet horn, hallelujah
Blow the trumpet loud and long, hallelujah

Brother, lend a helping hand, hallelujah
Sister, lend a helping hand, hallelujah

Michael row the boat ashore, hallelujah
Michael row the boat ashore, hallelujah.

Benediction

John A. Ralbovsky

We have hiked along life's pathway,
Our packs upon our backs,
We have pitched our tents and rested
Here and there along the tracks.

We have used our compass wisely
To guide us on our way
And hope to reach the campsite
Of our Great Chief Scout some day.

We have tried to be trustworthy -
courteous, kind, and brave.
We've been loyal to our country,
long may its great flag wave.

And after all these things are his, add, I pray, enough of a sense of humor so that he may always be serious, yet never take himself too seriously. Give him humility, so that he may always remember the simplicity of true wisdom, and the meekness of true strength...

Then I, a Scouter who knew him, will dare to whisper, `I have not lived in vain.'”

Meditation – Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow Lou Salute

There are two days in every week that we should not worry about, two days that should be kept free from fear and apprehension.

One is yesterday, with its mistakes and cares, its faults and blunders, its aches and pains. Yesterday has passed, forever beyond our control.

All the money in the world cannot bring back yesterday. We cannot undo a single act we performed. Nor can we erase a single word we've said - yesterday is gone!

The other day we shouldn't worry about is tomorrow, with its impossible adversaries, its burden, its hopeful promise and poor performance. Tomorrow is beyond our control.

Tomorrow's sun will rise either in splendor or behind a mask of clouds - but it will rise. And until it does, we have no stake in tomorrow, for it is yet unborn.

This leaves only one day - today. Any person can fight the battles of just one day. It is only when we add the burdens of yesterday and tomorrow that we break down.

It is not the experience of today that drives people mad - it is the remorse of bitterness for something which happened yesterday, and the dread of what tomorrow may bring.

Let us, therefore, live one day at a time!

Prayer

Doug Heim

Leader: 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 to each of us, to live up to the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, and the high ideals of the World Brotherhood of Scouting. Amen.

A Scout Litany (Responsive Reading)

Nora Slanski

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

People: A SCOUT IS TRUSTWORTHY.

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

People: A SCOUT IS LOYAL.

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

People: A SCOUT IS HELPFUL.

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

People: A SCOUT IS FRIENDLY.

Leader: Courtesy is the mark of all faiths. It is shown in thoughtful acts and kindly respect for everyone.

People: A SCOUT IS COURTEOUS.

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

People: 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 our readiness to accept responsibilities willingly.

People: A SCOUT IS OBEDIENT.

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

People: A SCOUT IS CHEERFUL.

Leader: The world offers many gifts. a wise person uses them with care.

People: A SCOUT IS THRIFTY.

Leader: To each of us comes danger, difficult tasks, and temptations. In choice of courage or cowardice, may we be brave.

People: 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.

People: A SCOUT IS CLEAN.

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

People: A SCOUT IS REVERENT.

All: GIVE US CLEAN HANDS, CLEAN WORDS, AND CLEAN THOUGHTS, O GOD. TEACH US TO WORK HARD AND PLAY FAIRLY. FORGIVE US WHEN WE ARE UNKIND AND HELP US TO HELP OTHERS. SEND US STRENGTH TO DO A GOOD TURN EACH DAY AND SO LIVE AFTER THY WILL.

Offering

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A Scouting Remembrance

Scoutmaster Roger Poggio

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.”

Time for Reflection-Silent Prayer

SM Roger Poggio

Leader: Let us pause for a time of silent personal meditation Each may pray according to their own faith. As we enter into silent prayer, we ask the Lord to hear all our prayers.

The Scouter's Prayer

John Neary

“Build me a Scout, O Lord, who will be strong enough to know when he is weak and brave enough to face himself when he is afraid; one who will be proud and unbending in honest defeat, and humble and gentle in victory... Build me a Scout whose wishes will not take the place of deeds; a Scout who himself is the foundation stone of knowledge...

Lead him, I pray, not in the path of ease and comfort, but under the stress and spur of difficulties and challenge. Here let him learn to stand up in the storm; here let him learn compassion for those who fail...

Build me a Scout whose heart will be clear, whose goals will be high. A Scout who will master himself before he seeks to master others, one who will march into the future, yet never forget the past...