

Scout Worship Service
October 19th, 2014

Opening Hymn: For the Beauty of the Earth

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For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise, This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour Of the day and of the night.
Hill and vale and tree and flow'r, Sun and moon and stars of light.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child.
Friends on earth and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

For Thyself, best Gift Divine! To our race so freely given;
For that great, great love of Thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Responsive Reading: The Scout Oath

Leader: Our honor is a quality we possess because of our dignity as human beings and children of God. Our 'best' means to give all we have. It means to keep striving to do what we know is right, and in the Oath it means we will try to be good Scouts by fulfilling our Scout duties as expressed in the Scout law.

Scouts: On my honor I will do my best.

Leader: Our duty to God and country means chiefly two things: obedience and loyalty. The duties we owe to God, to our country, to our parents, to one another, and to ourselves come from some command of God. The Scout Law sums up all the qualities a Scout should have and without which he cannot be a good Scout.

Scouts: To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law.

Leader: Our Lord told us that love of neighbor was like the first law of love of God. The first children of God were known by the love they had for one another. Real human charity or love prompts us to want to help others at all times. Our Scout training will give us skills and knowledge that will put us in a better position to do this.

Scouts: To help other people at all times.

Leader: Scouting offers us many opportunities to grow physically. To be alert and ready requires us to give special care to those gifts of soul –intellect and will – that make us unto God. “Morally straight” means we must try to know what is right and true, and to love what is good and choose it.

Scouts: To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

Closing Hymn: Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father!
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not:
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Chorus:
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided –
Great is thy Faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
Sun moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness,
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
(Chorus)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow.
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand besides!
(Chorus)