

EAGLES SOARING HIGH

**TRAIL WORSHIP
FOR
CHRISTIANS, MUSLIMS, AND JEWS**



(INTERFAITH SECTION)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Eternal God, open my lips, that my mouth may declare
Your glory.

OPENING SONG

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties,
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood,
From sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for patriot dream,
That sees beyond the years,
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears.
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 8
(New Jerusalem Bible)

Yahweh our Lord,
how majestic is your name throughout the world!

Whoever keeps singing of your majesty higher than
the heavens,
even through the mouths of children, or of babes in arms,
you make him a fortress, firm against your foes,
to subdue the enemy and the rebel.

I look up at your heavens, shaped by your fingers,
at the moon and the stars you set firm—
what are human beings that you spare a thought
for them,
or the child of Adam that you care for him?

Yet you have made him little less than a god,
you have crowned him with glory and beauty,
made him lord of the works of your hands,
put all things under his feet,
sheep and cattle, all of them,
and even the wild beasts,
birds in the sky, fish in the sea,
when he makes his way across the ocean.

Yahweh our Lord,
how majestic is your name throughout the world!



RESPONSIVE READING

“On My Honor”
by Dr. Carroll Osburn, 1997

(L = Leader; C = Crew)

L: ON MY HONOR

C: Almighty God, keep us always mindful that our honor is a possession to be cherished as dearly as life itself. Endow us with firmness of purpose and uncommon integrity that will enable us to fulfill those responsibilities with which we are charged. Make us ever conscious of the trust others have placed in us as Scouts.

L: TO DO MY DUTY TO GOD

C: Creator of the universe, how often we forget the true source of life's joys and pleasures. How often, too, have we failed to remember the origin of the inward strength which has enabled us to be aware of Your continual presence in our daily lives. Help us to understand the more meaningful rewards of service in Your name.

L: AND MY COUNTRY

C: We thank Thee, Almighty God, for the privilege of living in a country such as the United States of America. Keep foremost in our minds that the freedoms which we enjoy were bought through the unselfish sacrifices of those who have gone before us. As the strength of a country is in her people, let us never avoid our responsibility to maintain this nation as a beacon of hope and freedom to all mankind.

L: AND TO OBEY THE SCOUT LAW

C: Heavenly Father, accept the heartfelt thanks of us Scouts and Scouters for such men of vision and leadership as Robert Baden-Powell, William Boyce, James West, and Waite Phillips, who donated this Philmont Scout Ranch to the Boy Scouts of America. Keep always before us the ideals which they set forth, and grant us the courage to live by them when others may not. Allow us never to forget that our actions may be the examples others choose to follow.

L: TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE AT ALL TIMES

C: Grant us forgiveness, Patient Lord, when we place the insignificant wants in our lives above the necessities in others' lives. Teach us to recognize and understand the problems facing others and prepare us for each day's task of helping others.

L: TO KEEP MYSELF PHYSICALLY STRONG, MENTALLY AWAKE, AND MORALLY STRAIGHT

C: God of our ancestors, let us never forget that our bodies and minds are but temporary gifts from Thee. Help us to preserve, strengthen, and use them for the betterment of our world. May our thoughts and actions be directed toward more meaningful service in Your name. Amen.

MEDITATION AND SHARING

Take a few moments now for personal silent reflection about how God works in creation and in your personal life. You may wish to share these reflections with your crew.

Responsive Reading, "Scout Law"

Scout: A Scout is Trustworthy.

Leader: Character is what a man is. Reputation is what people think about him. A youth of character is worthy of trust. No one is worthy of trust who does not recognize his dignity and the dignity of all men as children of God.

Scout: A Scout is Loyal.

Leader: Because our first loyalty is to God, a Scout is loyal to all to whom loyalty is due—his parents, his place of worship, and his country.

Scout: A Scout is Helpful.

Leader: We are told that the good turn we do for others will be considered what is done for Him. Our motive or reason we are helpful is that we see our God in everyone. The whole Scout program gives us an opportunity to be helpful.

Scout: A Scout is Friendly.

Leader: We are brothers and sisters. Recognizing this, a Scout should be a friend to all, and a brother to every other Scout.

Scout: A Scout is Courteous.

Leader: A Scout should respect everyone. The meaning of love as a Scout should be taken from the words, "I have come not to be served, but to serve."

Scout: A Scout is Kind.

Leader: We respect others, not abusing or mistreating, but to trust.

Scout: A Scout is Obedient.

Leader: A Scout should obey, not because he has to, but because the one leading is someone in authority, and is right in doing so. Victory comes from obedience to all in authority as long as they deserve our obedience.

Scout: A Scout is Cheerful.

Leader: A Scout will have joy in his heart and manifest it outwardly by his cheerful manner.

Scout: A Scout is Thrifty.

Leader: By being thrifty, we are taught self-respect, making us unwilling to be a burden to others. Far from being a burden, we are able to be thrifty to help them. A Scout is deeply concerned with preserving our natural resources.

Scout: A Scout is Brave.

Leader: A Scout can face danger even if he is afraid. He has courage to stand for what he thinks is right, even if others scorn him.

Scout: A Scout is Clean.

Leader: He keeps clean in body and thought; he stands for clean speech, clean sport, and clean habits; and he travels with a clean crowd.

Scout: A Scout is Reverent.

Leader: He is reverent to God. He is faithful in his religious duties and respects the conviction of others in matters of custom and religion.

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

Leader: Let us pray together.

Our God and God of our ancestors, we ask Your blessing upon our country, on the leaders of our nation, and on all who exercise rightful authority in our community.

Unite the inhabitants of our country, whatever their origin and creed, into a bond of true friendship, to banish hatred and bigotry, and to safeguard our ideals and institutions of freedom.

May this land under Your Providence be an instrument for peace throughout the world. AMEN

OR

PRAYER OF THANKS

Leader: Let us pray together.

We thank You, O God, for this day, for morning sun and evening star; for flowering of trees and flowing of streams, for life-giving rains and cooling breeze; for the earth's patient turning, the changing of the seasons, the cycle of growth and decay, of life and death. When our eyes behold the beauty and grandeur of your world, we see the wisdom, power and goodness of its Creator. We awake and, behold! It's a great day! AMEN

OR

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

1. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred,
let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
And where there's doubt,
true faith in you.

Refrain

Oh Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

2. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life,
let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness only light,
And where there's sadness
ever joy.
3. Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning
that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're
born to eternal life.



CLOSING SONG

MORNING HAS BROKEN

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 of the one light Eden saw play!

Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day.

OR

DAY IS DONE

Day is done, Gone the sun, From the lake,
From the hills, From the sky,
All is well, Safely rest, God is nigh.

Thanks and praise, For our days
'Neath the sun, 'Neath the stars, 'Neath the sky,
As we go, This we know, God is nigh.

(See Hymns Section for additional choices.)

BENEDICTION

Lord, be thou within us, to strengthen us; without us, to keep us; above us, to protect us; beneath us, to uphold us; before us, to direct us; behind us, to keep us from straying; round about us, to defend us.

OR

May God bless us and protect us;
May God show us favor and be gracious to us;
May God show us kindness and grant us peace.
AMEN

INTERFAITH