

## Call to Worship

### God Bless America

*God bless America, land that I love,  
Stand beside her and guide her;  
Through the night, with a light from above.*

*From the mountains, to the prairies,  
To the oceans, white with foam.*

*GOD BLESS AMERICA, my home sweet home.  
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## Responsive Reading

(Taken from Jeremiah 29)

### Leader

O LORD, what will become of me?

### Response

I know the plans that I have for you, declares the LORD.

### Leader

O LORD, are these good plans that you have for me?

### Response

These plans are for welfare and not calamity, declares the LORD.

### Leader

So I should have hope?

### Response

The purpose of the plans is to give you a future and a hope, declares the LORD

### Leader

O LORD, I need YOUR plans. I need a future and a hope.

### Unison

Call upon ME and come and pray to ME and I will listen to you, promises the LORD

## Reverent

What does it mean to be reverent? In the Scout Handbook, it says to be reverent is to be faithful in our religious duties. So what are our religious duties?

For Jews and Christians, our religious duties are described very simply in *Micah 6:8* where it reads

*He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord requires of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.*

We often speak about justice – doing the right thing – and about kindness; but who knows what it means to “walk humbly with your GOD”. Let’s think about this for a little bit.

First off, if we are walking with GOD – we need to be in relationship with HIM. So, to be reverent requires us to be in relationship with GOD. What kind of relationship is GOD looking for? The fact that GOD sacrificed JESUS on the cross for us shows that HE is serious about the relationship. In the Book of Revelation it says that GOD created us because HE wanted us. In the Book of Jeremiah, GOD says HE has a plan for our lives – a plan for our well being.

Secondly, there is a specific way we should be walking with GOD – humbly. To be humble is the opposite of being haughty or arrogant or showing off. To be humble is to give up trying to focus everyone’s attention on ourselves – but instead, focus our attention on GOD.

In short, our religious duties are to return the love and affection that HE has for us.

## Benediction

Please bow with me in prayer

*LORD JESUS, please help us to follow YOU all the days of our lives. Do not let us be distracted. Instead, help us be reverent. For YOU are our DELIVERER. Amen.*