

Interfaith Religious Service



2006 Section Conference
Sunday April 23, 2006
Camp LaNoChe
Paisley, Florida

Friendship Flame Ceremony

1st Scout: (Lights candle) Stars that shine together form a galaxy. Flowers that grow together create a garden. Buildings that stand together begin a city. People who work together make a difference. This is what valuing differences is all about."

2nd Scout: (Lights candle) I light this candle in friendship for all of the people who are older or younger, taller or smaller, richer or poorer than I.

3rd Scout: (Lights candle) I light this candle in friendship for all people who worst differently than I.

4th Scout: (Lights candle) I light this candle in friendship for all people of a different nationality or ethnicity than I.

5th Scout: (Lights candle) I light this candle in friendship for all people who are of a different color than I.

6th Scout: (Lights candle) I light this candle in friendship for all people who come from other countries than I.

7th Scout: (Lights candle) I light this candle in friendship for all people who don't run, walk, see, hear, or learn the same as I.

8th Scout: (lights candle) I light this candle for me, for I am unique and special.

Leader: Watch the flames closely please. Notice the light from each candle is the same as the others even though the outside of each is different. So, too, are all of us in the world. We wear different clothes, speak different languages, follow different religions or beliefs, like different foods, sing different songs. And yet, we all belong to the same human race. Inside we are all the same. We all wish to be recognized, we all wish to be called by name, we all wish to be loved, we all wish for friends, we all wish for peace. We must all stand by one another.

Call to Worship

Grandfather Great Spirit All Over The World

The Faces Of Living Things Are Alike.

With Tenderness, They Have Come Up Out Of The Ground.

Look Upon Your Children That They May Face The Winds

And Walk The Good Road To The Day Of Quiet.

Grandfather Great Spirit, Fill Us With The Light.

Give Us The Strength To Understand And The Eyes To See.

Teach Us To Walk The Soft Earth As Relatives

To All That Live. (Sioux Prayer)

Invocation

O Amida, I enjoin my hands and pray to you, who resides in every quarter, direction and within my heart. Let your Primal Vow kindle the Light of Dharma in all beings, for those who grope bewildered in the gloom of sorrow. Namó Amida Buddha.

(Buddhist Prayer of Light)

Hymn - Michael, Row the Boat Ashore

Michael, row the boat ashore, Alleluia,

Michael, row the boat ashore, Alleluia.

Jordan's River is chilly and cold, Alleluia,

Kills the body but not the soul, Alleluia.

Jordan's River is deep and wide, Alleluia,
Meet my mother on the other side, Alleluia.
Gabriel, blow the trumpet horn, Alleluia,
Blow the trumpet loud and long, Alleluia.
Brother, lend a helping hand, Alleluia,
Brother, lend a helping hand, Alleluia.
Michael's boat's a gospel boat, Alleluia,
Michael's boat's a gospel boat, Alleluia.
Michael, row the boat ashore, Alleluia,
Michael, row the boat ashore, Alleluia.

Reading

The true servants of the Gracious GOD are the following:
Those who walk upon earth with humility and when they are tempted by the evil ones,
they respond: Peace;
Those who pass the hours of the night in prayers and standing before the Lord;
Those who pray: Lord turn away from us the punishments of hell, for it is a heavy
torment, it is indeed an evil dwelling place;
Those who are neither extravagant nor stingy in spending, but keep a balance between
the two;
Those who repent and believe and do good deeds.
>From the Koran, Al-Furquan, Part 19, Chapter 25

Silent Observance

May we observe a moment of silent prayer, each in his own faith

Responsive Reading

The Scout Law

Leader: "The person who is dishonest shall not live in My house; the person who is
untruthful shall not stand before My eyes." (Psalms 101:7)
Congregation: A SCOUT IS TRUSTWORTHY
Leader: And Ruth said: "Do not beg me to leave you or to return from following after
y for where you go I will go; and where you stay, I will stay." (Ruth 1: 16)
Congregation: A SCOUT IS LOYAL,
Leader: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18)
Congregation: A SCOUT IS HELPFUL
Leader: "Can two walk together unless they agree?"
Congregation: A SCOUT IS FRIENDLY
Leader: "Honor your Father and your Mother." (Exodus 20:12)
Congregation: A SCOUT IS COURTEOUS
Leader: "Withhold not good from the person to whom it is due, when it is in the power
of your hand to do it" (Proverbs 3:27)
Congregation: A SCOUT IS KIND
Leader: "Apply your heart to instruction, and your ears to the words of knowledge."
(Proverbs 23:12)
Congregation: A SCOUT IS OBEDIENT
Leader: "A glad heart is good medicine." (Proverbs 17:22)
Congregation: A SCOUT IS CHEERFUL

Leader: "Precious treasure remains in a wise person's dwelling, but a foolish person uses it up." (Proverbs 20:12)

Congregation: A SCOUT IS THRIFTY

Leader: "Be strong and of good courage." (First Chronicles 28:20)

Congregation: A SCOUT IS BRAVE

Leader: "Who shall ascend the mountain of the Lord? And who shall stand in His holy place? 'Me person who has clean hands and a pure heart. (Psalms 24:3-4)

Congregation: A SCOUT IS CLEAN

Leader: "It has been told to you what is good, and what the Lord requires of you; Only to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)

Congregation: A SCOUT IS REVERENT

Prayer

Master of the universe

Grant me the ability to be alone;

May it be my custom to go outdoors each day

Among the trees and grass, among all living things.

And there may I be alone, and enter into prayer,

To talk with the one to whom I belong.

May I express there everything in my heart,

And may all the foliage of the field

(All grasses, trees and plants)

May they all awake at my coming,

To send the powers of their life into the words of my prayer

So that my prayer and speech are made whole

Through the life and the spirit of all growing things,

Which are made as one by their transcendent source.

-- Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav (1772-1811)

Hymn - Amazing Grace

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost, but now I'm found;

Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,

And grace my fear relieved.

How precious did that grace appear

'Me hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares

We have already come.

'Twas grace that brought us safe this far,

And grace will bring us home.

Benediction

May we all remain fast and firm in faith, that the glory of glories may rest upon us.

Thou art Gracious, the Bountiful, the Merciful, the Compassionate.

-- From the Bahai faith, Abdul Bahai.