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SAMPLE INTERFAITH SERVICE

Call to Worship

How wonderful, O Lord, are the works of Your hands!

The heavens declare your glory; the arch of the sky displays Your handiwork.

In Your love You have given us the power to behold the beauty of Your world robed in all its splendor.

The sun and the stars, the valleys and the hills, the rivers and lakes all disclose Your presence.

The roaring breakers of the sea tell of Your awesome might; the beasts of the field and the birds of the air bespeak Your wondrous will.

In Your goodness You have made us able to hear the music of the world.

The voices of loved ones reveal to us that You are in our midst.

A divine voice sings through all creation.

—Jewish prayer

Hymn—In My Father's House

(Please stand.)

Oh, won't you come with me, to my Father's house,

To my Father's house, to my Father's house.

Oh, won't you come with me, to my Father's house.

There is peace, peace, peace.

There's sweet communion there, in my Father's house,

In my Father's house, in my Father's house.

There's sweet communion there, in my Father's house,

There is peace, peace, peace.

There'll be no more parting there, in my Father's house,

In my Father's house, in my Father's house.

There'll be no more parting there, in my Father's house,

There'll be peace, peace, peace.

Responsive Reading

Leader: Please join me in our dedication to living the Scout Oath.

Group: On my honor.

Leader: And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was also able to perform.

—Romans 4:21

Group: On my honor, I will do my best.

Leader: I seek strength, not to be greater than my brother, but to fight my greatest enemy—myself.

—An American Indian Prayer

Group: On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God.

Leader: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.

—Ecclesiastes 12:13

Group: To do my duty to God and my country.

Leader: Open the gates, so that the righteous nation that keeps faith may enter in.

—Isaiah 26:2

Group: On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times.

Leader: And behold I tell you these things that ye may learn wisdom, that ye may learn that when ye are in the service of your fellow beings ye are only in the service of your God.

—Book of Mormon, Mosiah 2:17

Group: On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

Leader: This we know. The earth does not belong to us: we belong to the earth. This we know. All things are connected like the blood which unites one family. All things are connected. This we know.

—Chief Seattle

Silent Prayer

Prayer

How easy it is for me to live with You, O Lord!

How easy for me to believe in You!

When my mind parts in bewilderment or falters,

Then the most intelligent people see no further than this day's end and do not know what must be done tomorrow,

You grant me the serene certitude that You exist and that You will take care that not all the paths of good be closed.

Atop the ridge of earthly fame,

I look back in wonder at the path which I alone could never have found, a wondrous path through despair to this point from which I, too, could transmit a reflection of your rays.

And as much as I must still reflect You will give me.

But as much as I cannot take up You will have already assigned to others.

—Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn (1974)

Hymn—Kum Ba Yah

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah,

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah,

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah,

Oh, Lord, kum ba yah.

1. Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah.

2. Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah.

3. Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah.

4. Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah.

Cubmaster's Message

Hymn—*Let There Be Peace on Earth*

(Please stand.)

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God as our Father, we are family.

Let us walk with each other, in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.

With every step I take let this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment, and live each moment in
peace eternally!

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Benediction—*Celtic Blessing on Setting Forth*

May the road rise to meet you.

May the wind always be at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face,

The rains fall soft upon your fields;

And, until we meet again, may

God hold you in the palm of his hand.