

Worship at Home and ZOOM Worship for February 21 2021  
Scouting Sunday

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*This document contains the prayers, hymns, and scripture for our worship service. The reflections are only available either in the ZOOM service, or on the recording of that service which will be posted to our website by Monday morning.*

Opening Music: "Nothing Can Trouble" VU 290

**Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.**

**Those who seek God shall never go wanting.**

**Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.**

**God alone fills us.**

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

One: God calls us to gather however we can as one family:

Two: *we serve one another, help one another,  
love one another, accept one another.*

One: God calls us to work, learn, and act together

Two: *to bring God's peace and justice to the world.*

One: God calls to worship together today

Two: *to share our virtual presence, our stories and our praise.*

One: Creating God, you have given us a world of wonders  
in which we can play, grow and praise you.

When we watch the night sky,  
when we hike through a forest or a field,  
when we reach out to help others  
you are with us, your presence inspires us.

Help us to always acknowledge your company  
as we travel through all of life's ways,  
and as we begin our journey through Lent.

We pray in the name of your Travelling One,  
Jesus Christ. Amen

Opening Hymn: "Called by Earth and Sky" MV 135

**Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high  
This is our sacred living trust, treasure of Life, sanctified  
Called by earth and sky.  
Precious these waters endless seas, deep ocean's dream  
Waters of healing, rivers of rain The wash of love again**

**Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high  
This is our sacred living trust, treasure of Life, sanctified  
Called by earth and sky.  
Precious this gift the air we breathe, wind born and free  
Breath of the Spirit blown through this place  
Our gathering and our grace**

**Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high  
This is our sacred living trust, treasure of Life, sanctified  
Called by earth and sky.  
Precious these mountains ancient sands, vast fragile land  
Seeds of our wakening rooted and strong Creation's faithful song**

**Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high  
This is our sacred living trust, treasure of Life, sanctified  
Called by earth and sky.  
Precious the fire that lights the way, bright dawning day  
Fire of passion sorrows undone Our faith and justice one.**

**Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high  
This is our sacred living trust, treasure of Life, sanctified  
Called by earth and sky, called by earth and sky.**

Scripture Reading:

**Genesis 9:8-17**

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living

creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

**Mark 1:9-15**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

Special Music: "This Little Light of Mine"

Reflections: *Offered by Scouters of all ages!*

Hymn: "It Only Takes a Spark" VU 289 Verses 1 and 3

**It only takes a spark**

**To get a fire going**

**And soon all those around**

**Can warm up in its glowing**

**That's how it is with God's love**

**Once you've experienced it**

**You spread God's love to ev'ryone**

**You want to pass it on**

**What a wondrous time is spring**

**When all the trees are budding**

**The birds begin to sing**

**The flowers start their blooming**

**That's how it is with God's love**

**Once you've experienced it**

**You want to sing it's fresh like spring**

**You want to pass it on.**

Prayers of the People

One: We take time to say thank you to God, and to pray for others.

Let us pray with our hearts and minds open.

Thank you, God, for today - for sun in the morning,

stars in the evening, and the moon shining bright.

Two: Thank you, God, for wintery days and sunny days,

for windy days and warm days.

Thank you for our friends and families that stick with us no matter what the weather of our lives is like.

One: Thank you, God, for people like Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, who gave so much of their time and energy to create opportunities for children to learn and to grow.

Two: Thank you, God, for Scouters and Guiders, and the many different volunteers who work in programs like Scouting and Guiding, giving their best to provide programs for children and youth.

One: We pray, God, for all the children of all ages who are part of the Guiding and Scouting movements around the world, that they will have enough leaders for their troops and packs, that they will have clean and safe places to gather and to learn and to explore creation.

Two: We pray, God, for children who don't have groups or community to join, who don't have safe places to belong, and who are sometimes forgotten. We pray for children who have – or continue to be - isolated in this pandemic. Remind us that you are with us – and them, and we can make a difference and we can work to change the world for the better.

One: We pray, God, for all people who are sick, lonely, sad or afraid. Teach us how to care for them, teach us how to listen to them, respect their feelings and thoughts, and include them in ways that can help.

Two: We pray, God, for the people who make decisions about other people – doctors and care-givers, teachers and politicians and government. Help them to dream as big as your love.

One: God, give us the strength and the courage to care for your world, and care for each other. Let your Spirit guide us to do good turns, help other people, and do our duty to you.

Two: We pray, God, knowing that you will answer in your time and your way, knowing that we are all your children, knowing that you sent Jesus to show us the way.

One: We pray and sing together, in the words that Jesus taught us to say when we pray to our Loving Parent God:

The Lord's Prayer: VU 959

Closing Hymn: "Draw the Circle Wide" MV 145

**Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.**

**Let this be our song, no one stands alone, standing side by side,  
draw the circle wide.**

**God the still point of the circle,  
'Round whom all creation turns,  
Nothing lost, but held forever,  
In God's gracious arms.**

**Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.**

**Let this be our song, no one stands alone, standing side by side,  
draw the circle wide.**

**Let our hearts touch far horizons,  
So encompass great and small,  
Let our loving know no borders,  
Faithful to God's call.**

**Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.**

**Let this be our song, no one stands alone, standing side by side,  
draw the circle wide.**

**Let the dreams we dream be larger,  
Than we've ever dreamed before,  
Let the dream of Christ be in us,  
Open every door.**

**Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.**

**Let this be our song, no one stands alone, standing side by side,  
draw the circle wide.**

Blessing:

May the blessing of God give us strength for the journey;  
may the Spirit of wisdom give us vision for the road;  
may the love of Christ make us caring companions;  
as together we go forward in time of pandemic,  
in the cold of the winter,  
in the season of Lent. Amen.

*Virtual Coffee Time follows our service.*

*Please stay connected, and you will be invited to 'unmute' and share conversation!*