

Welcome

Leader: Welcome to Scout Sunday. Today we celebrate together our community. Each one here is a part of our community. We come together to grow, learn, and share. We come to do our Duty to God as we express reverence (for Boy Scouts). We come to honor our Promise in faith (for Girl Scouts).

All: Let us honor God as we come together to worship.

A Call to Worship

Leader: God is Faithful.

All: Let us be faithful in the little things.

Leader: God has plans for us. Plans to prosper, give hope, and a future.

All: God is Trustworthy for today and the future. Let us be trustworthy as well.

Responsive Reading Psalm 117:

Leader: Paise the Lord, all you nations;

All: extol him, all you peoples.

Leader: For great is his love toward us,

All: the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord.

Recommended Scriptures:

Luke 16:10-12 (NLT)

"If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities. And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven? And if you are not faithful with other people's things, why should you be trusted with things of your own?"

Proverbs 12:17

He who speaks truth tells what is right, But a false witness, deceit.

Jeremiah 29:11

'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.'

A Message Idea - Trustworthy / Responsible for What I say and Do

In Matthew chapter 25, Jesus shares a series of parables. The second parable gives us insight into how Jesus saw being faithful or trustworthy.

14 “Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. **15** To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, ^[a] each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. **16** The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. **17** So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. **18** But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

19 “After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. **20** The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’

21 “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

22 “The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’

23 “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

24 “Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. **25** So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’

26 “His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? **27** Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

28 “So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags.



MEN'S & SCOUTING MINISTRIES

General Commission on United Methodist Men

Scout Sunday Liturgy 2023

We are each given gifts and talents. They may not begin out the same. Some are skilled athletes. Others are brilliant at science, math, or art. Craftsmen can bring a skill to their craft. The measure of faithfulness by God is not the amount of talents but more what we do with them.

While learning how to climb and rappel, we experienced the need for responsibility and trust. Each person rappelling down the wall would also be a belayer below. There is a very specific set of knots, commands, and actions that keep everyone safe.

The fireman's belay is used to protect the person rappelling. It takes a low force pulling down to lock out the person coming down.

I remember one time we were rappelling down a 35' foot wall. The oldest in our group was a 6' 4" center for his football team. The smallest was not quite 5' tall and lean. As the older boy came to the edge you could see his discomfort. He called down, "On Belay?" The response was a confident, "Belay on." The call came back, "Show me". They each showed each other their knots, rope feed, carabiners, and harness sets. The next call is to say here I go. "Rappelling" responded by "Rappel on."

About half-way down, the belayer pulled down on the rope. It locked out the rappeller. He could not go anywhere. There is a moment of trust and responsibility that tests each person involved.

The belayer was nervous to hold the line but firm. The rappeller gently let go of his rope and lifted his hands. He was fully held.

God has given us so much. We get afraid that we cannot do it. The task is bigger than us. Yet with God all things are possible. We are able and expect to be trustworthy and responsible.

Scouting provides a place to exercise the muscles of faithfulness. It is a safe place to fail well as well as succeed. We grow with hope into the plans that God has for us.

Suggested Hymns:

United Methodist Hymnal 601 – Thy Word Is a Lamp

United Methodist Hymnal 92 -For the Beauty of the Earth

United Methodist Hymnal 399 – Take My Life and let it be consecrated

United Methodist Hymnal 77 – How Great Thou Art

United Methodist Hymnal 585 – This Little Light of Mine

Resources:

<https://www.girlscouts.org/en/discover/about-us/what-girl-scouts-do/promise-and-law.html>

These aren't just words Girl Scouts say, they're words we live by.

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Girl Scouts of all ages recite—and live by—the ideals listed in the Girl Scout Promise and Law. They remind us to do our best in being kind to others, respecting ourselves, making the world a better place, and so much more.

The Girl Scout Family Promise is a commitment families can make to support the local Girl Scout community as they grow, bond, and learn together.

Girl Scout Promise

On my honor, I will try:
To serve God* and my country,
To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

*Members may substitute for the word God in accordance with their own spiritual beliefs.

Girl Scout Law

I will do my best to be
honest and fair,
friendly and helpful,
considerate and caring,
courageous and strong,
and responsible for what I say and do,
and to respect myself and others,
respect authority,
use resources wisely,
make the world a better place,
and be a sister to every Girl Scout.

<https://www.scouting.org/about/faq/question10/>

Scout Oath

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.

Scout Law

The Scout Law has 12 points. Each is a goal for every Scout. A Scout tries to live up to the Law every day. It is not always easy to do, but a Scout always tries.



A Scout is:

TRUSTWORTHY. Tell the truth and keep promises. People can depend on you.

LOYAL. Show that you care about your family, friends, Scout leaders, school, and country.

HELPFUL. Volunteer to help others without expecting a reward.

FRIENDLY. Be a friend to everyone, even people who are very different from you.

COURTEOUS. Be polite to everyone and always use good manners.

KIND. Treat others as you want to be treated. Never harm or kill any living thing without good reason.

OBEDIENT. Follow the rules of your family, school, and pack. Obey the laws of your community and country.

CHEERFUL. Look for the bright side of life. Cheerfully do tasks that come your way. Try to help others be happy.

THRIFTY. Work to pay your own way. Try not to be wasteful. Use time, food, supplies, and natural resources wisely.

BRAVE. Face difficult situations even when you feel afraid. Do what you think is right despite what others might be doing or saying.

CLEAN. Keep your body and mind fit. Help keep your home and community clean.

REVERENT. Be reverent toward God. Be faithful in your religious duties. Respect the beliefs of others.