

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 7, 2009
WORSHIP 8:00 AND 10:30

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

* Call to Worship

One: We have come to learn about God. We have come to experience God. We have come to know God.

All: It is good to be with others who seek God.

One: Jesus is, for we Christians, the revelation of God.

All: Jesus is a window into God and a mirror reflecting God's best intention for human life.

One: The likeness of God is placed in each one of us. It is like a seed planted within our soul.

All: Worship helps us nurture that inner seed. Worship moves us closer to God.

*Gathering Hymn

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

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*Call to Confession

God, in Jesus, has come close to humankind, seeking to enfold us in Divine Love. We have not always responded to God's love, we have not completely surrendered ourselves to God's will. Let us confess our need to move closer to God.

*Prayer of Confession (read in unison)

In the midst of our business as usual, you come close; you draw us in and invite us to go deep. You assure us that, in the deep places, we will find new life in abundance. You ask us to trust and to take risks—to cast ourselves fully into the depths of community where we will find our true self and be empowered to serve. We hear your invitation but we do not always respond in faith. Because of fear, habit, and closed hearts, we hold back and do not follow your lead. When we recognize how we have fallen short, we can be tempted to run away. What you offer is exactly what we need, yet we often reject your love with negative self-talk and resistance.

Grow in us, Holy Seed of our hearts. May we be mindful of whose we are, so that we can become all you have created us to be.

*Silent Reflection

*Words of Hope

Though we fall short, love draws near to us again and again, bringing us out of our fear and resistance and into our calling to be reflections of Christ. God gives us strength for the task and love for the journey — this is our good news today. Thanks be to God!

OPENING OURSELVES TO THE VOICE OF GOD

The Bible Lesson: St. Luke 5:1-11 I Corinthians 15:1-15

Bell Choir Anthems

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

Traditional Spiritual

"I Got Shoes"

American Spiritual

A Time for Young Christians

(Prayer requests and visitors forms will be collected by ushers at the side aisles.)

The Morning Message: **"Go Deep"**

*Hymn

"O Savior, Let Me Walk with You"

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EXPRESSING OUR FAITH

Joining Our Voices in Prayer

Creator and Calling God, we are grateful for the gift of life you have granted to us and for the unique and wonderful gifts with which we have been endowed. We are also thankful for those persons who have loved us and have challenged us to be and to do as much as possible with our lives. Especially are we thankful for Jesus of Nazareth. By Jesus' example we have been shown a way of faithfulness to an inner guidance that calls us to grow in our relationship with you and service to your world.

As we continue to nurture the Divine seed at the heart of life, help us to be more clear about your leading. Reach through us into the lives of those people we encounter, that your blessing may touch more and more lives. In that same Spirit, Holy God, receive now all our prayers.

(Silent and spoken prayers may be added by the congregation.)

The Lord's Prayer (Debts and Debtors)

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Celebrating Boy Scouts Troop 66

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

*Offertory Response

Doxology #782

*To God, all glorious heavenly Light,
To Christ revealed in earthly night,
To God the Spirit now we raise
Our joyful songs of thankful praise.*

*Offering Prayer

GOING FORTH TO WITNESS

*Closing Hymn

"Here I Am, Lord"

Insert

* Benediction

* Musical Postlude