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**SCOUT SUNDAY**

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## Gathering

### ***Come, Now is the Time to Worship***

by Brian Doerksen (adapted Gary Barmore)

Come, now is the time to worship;  
Come, now is the time to give your heart.  
Come just as you are to worship;  
Come just as you are before your God.  
Come.

Ev'ry day we live in the light of God's love,  
Ev'ry day we walk by faith.  
Now we're here to open our hearts once more,  
Now we give thanks for grace.

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## **Connecting**

*opportunity to greet one another*

## **Singing**

### ***One Spirit of Love***

by Paul. B. Svenson

Many are the wonders of God,  
Many doors open wide,  
Many roads that are still untraveled,  
Many are the gifts that we share;  
Many burdens we bear,  
Many mysteries still unraveled.

Many gifts, one spirit of love, one spirit of love.  
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Some will be the teachers of life,  
some the preachers of love,  
Some the fathers and some the mothers.  
Some will be the ones who will care;  
some will listen and share,  
Serving God while they serve each other. [refrain]

Living as the body of Christ  
and the heart of the earth,  
And the hands that will break new ground,  
Celebrate the gifts from within;  
now it's time to begin.  
God's people can turn the world around now. [refrain]

## **Centering**

**Mollie Halverson-Cano and Sarah Dennerline**

God of the mountains and hills, make me tall and strong;  
Tall enough and strong enough to right some wrong.  
God of the stars, make me steadfast and sure;  
God of every lake and stream, flow through my life & make it clean;  
Let me do nothing base or mean.  
God of the trees and woods, keep me fresh and pure;  
God of the rain, wash from my life all dirt and stain;  
Pure and strong let me remain.  
God of the seed and soil, plant in my heart your love;  
God of the darkness and day, through shadows or light, be my stay.  
Guide my way.  
God of the radiant sun, light my life;

God of the glorious dawn, make each day a fresh start.  
God of the evening peace and quiet, keep me free from fear and strife.  
God of the gay, free birds, sing in my heart.  
God of the surging waves and sea, wide horizons give to me;  
Help me to see the world as you would have it be;  
God of the lovely rose, make me lovely, too;  
God of the morning dew, each day my faith renew.  
God of all growing things, keep me growing, too.

## **Singing**

**Brownie Smile and The Girl Scout Friendship Song**  
**Girl Scouts**

## **Fresh Word**

## **Praying**

**Becky Roach**  
**The Boy Scouts of America**

## **Offering**

**We Are an Offering**

by Dwight Liles

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,  
We lift our lives up to you, we are an offering.

God, use our voices, God, use our hands,  
God, use your lives, they are yours,  
We are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are,  
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you;  
we are an offering, we are an offering.

## **Reading**

***Psalm 123:3-5***

**Hudson Ratinoff**

Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord,  
the fruit of the womb a reward.  
Like arrows in the hand of a warrior  
are the children of one's youth.  
Blessed is the one  
who fills his quiver with them!

## **Learning**

**Myrna Bohan, Becky Roach, Nora Webb**  
**Girl Scouts**  
*The Girl Scout Promise and Law*

## **Communing**

**Pastor Sarah**  
*Draw the Circle Wide*  
Mark Miller

Draw the circle wide.  
Draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song,  
no one stand alone,  
standing side by side,  
Draw the circle wide.  
(refrain)

## **Sending**

**Pastor Sarah**

*Carry the Light*  
by Debby Moylan

We have all witnessed your presence,  
We have received your grace.  
We give you honor and glory,  
For moving in this place.

Now we go out to share the good news.  
Now we go out to share your love.  
Now we go out to share the good news.  
Now we go out to share your love:

Carry the light! Carry the light!  
Carry the light to all the earth!

Carry the light! Carry the light!  
Carry the light of Jesus Christ!

## **Departing**

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