

# INTERFAITH WORSHIP SERVICE

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## *Call to worship*

**LEADER:** In our worship we are called to bring all that we are, all that we have, all that we hope for, all that we can be, in grateful thanksgiving.

**PEOPLE:** We commit ourselves again to Your purposes, grateful that You have given us life and filled our lives with fullness and with joy.

**LEADER:** Come, let us worship, let us praise our Creator's holy name.

## *Prayer of approach*

### *Hymn*

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| 1. All people that on earth do dwell<br>sing to the Lord with cheerful voice,<br>him serve with mirth, his praise forth<br>tell;<br>come ye before him and rejoice. | 3. O enter then his gates with praise<br>approach with joy his courts unto,<br>praise, laud, and bless his name<br>always,<br>for it is seemly so to do. |
| 2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;<br>without our aid he did us make;<br>we are his folk, he doth us feed,<br>and for his sheep he doth us take.                  | 4. For why, the Lord our God is good;<br>his mercy is for ever sure;<br>his truth at all times firmly stood,<br>and shall from age to age endure.        |

## *Prayer of confession*

*Anthem* - Sing Unto the Lord

Convention '97 Choir

*Responsive Reading* - Psalm 1-9 from "Everyday Psalms"

**LEADER:** Blue skies again this morning, God. It's almost too good to be true.

**PEOPLE:** Each day takes my breath away - it is beautiful beyond belief.

**LEADER:** And you made it all.

**PEOPLE:** Words fail me.

**LEADER:** Everything I try to say comes out in superlatives.

**PEOPLE:** I wish I could express my feelings

**LEADER:** You are never out of my thoughts;

**PEOPLE:** I'm conscious of you every waking moment.

**LEADER:** You ride beside me on the roads; you sit next to me at my desk;  
you touch my sleeve in the shopping mall.

**PEOPLE:** If only I could show others your presence as clearly as I see it myself.

**LEADER:** Then they could share this wonderful bubbling of \_\_\_\_\_ inside.

**PEOPLE:** For you are wonderful to know, God.

**LEADER:** You are gracious and merciful; you have a quick smile and a long fuse.

**PEOPLE:** You love everything that you have made,

**LEADER:** and you made everything.

### *Hymn*

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me save that thou art, thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, thou my true word; I ever with thee, thou with me, Lord; thou my great Father, I thy true Son, thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
3. Be thou my battle-shield, sword for the fight; be thou my dignity, thou my delight, thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.
4. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, first in my heart, high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.
5. High King of heaven, after victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O ruler of all.

*Scripture* - I Chronicles 16:8-12, 14-16

Charlotte Johnson

*Meditation* - Hilda Rosen, representing the Jewish faith

*Scripture* - Psalm 100

Marion Dougall

*Meditation* - Angela Valli, representing the Muslim faith

*Scripture* - Revelations 21:1-4

Marg Harris

*Meditation* - Roberta Templeman, representing the Christian faith

### *Hymn*

This is my song, Oh, God of all the Nations, A song of peace for lands afar and mine, This is my love, the country where my heart is, This is my hope, my dream, my shrine, but other hearts in other lands are beating, with hopes and dreams the same as mine.