



SUGGESTED LITURGY

3rd Annual Connectional

Association of African Methodist Episcopal Scouts Sunday

Sunday, September 28, 2025

The Prelude

The Presentation of the Colors/Flags

The Color Guard

A Scout's Doxology

(Tune: Old 100th)

Choir/Congregation

Praise God for AAMES Scouts everywhere. Praise God for leaders those who share.

Praise God for Scouts who can declare; That God is real and always near!

(Words by the Rev. Dr. Missiouri McPhee; Tune Attr. to Louis Bourgeois—1551)

The Call to Worship

(100th Psalm of Scouting)

[Name of Scout]

Leader: Rise to your feet, you Scouts and Scouters, and make some noise for God in God's house this day!

People: **Serve God with gladness, through the Ministry of Scouting, and join the fellowship of Scouting with singing.**

Leader: Know that Scouting is a way through which God's faithfulness is made manifest. Its lessons of faith have made us, and we are grateful.

People: **We are its leaders, guiding young Scouts in the ways of the God.**

Leader: Enter its programs with a cheerful spirit and offer boys and girls God's blessings and your praise.

All: **For this Scouting Ministry is good! Its lessons of faith and character endure forever, and its truths continues to all generations.**

(Written by the Rev. Dr. Missiouri McPhee)

The Opening Hymn

Choir/Congregation

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me (AMECH #358)

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna scout so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna scout so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

(Traditional Spiritual; Arr. by Wendell Whalum)

The Morning Prayer

[Name of Scout]

O Great Scoutmaster who keeps watch over all campgrounds.

We are most reverent when we honor your name.

You have blessed us with a land filled with Girl Scouts and Girl Guides, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, S.T.E.M. Scouts, Explorers, Venturers, Sea Scouts, and Rovers.

You will do what You believe to be just and kind,

In all realms of the heavens and in every corner of the earth.

Keep us well-fed on the manna from the ovens of Dutch.

Extend your mercies, as we do a good turn daily.

Help us to keep physically strong, mentally awake, morally straight, and to respect ourselves.

All the earth is Yours and You have appointed us stewards to leave no trace.

You are the Great Spirit whose essence is all around and all through us.

Our duty is to You, always. Amen.

(A Scouting Version of the Lord's Prayer Written by the Rev. Dr. Missiouri McPhee)

The Choral Response

Choir/Congregation

Thank You, Lord (AAHH #531)

Thank You, Lord. Thank You, Lord. Thank You, Lord.

I just want to thank You, Lord.

Been so good. Been so good. Been so good.

I just want to thank You, Lord.

You made a way. You made a way. You made a way.

I just want to thank You, Lord.

(Traditional Negro Spiritual)

The Welcome & Occasion

[Name of Scout]

The Worship through Music

The Choir

The Word Read

The Old Testament

Proverbs 22:1-11

[Name of Scout]

The New Testament

Luke 2:41-52

[Name of Scout]

The Scouting Introit

(Tune: Duke Street)

Choir/Congregation

To all the scouts who worship here, Let's praise the Lord because God cares.

Let's honor God with all we are, Proclaiming God's name near and far.

(Words by the Rev. Dr. Missiouri McPhee; Tune by John Hatton, d. 1793)

The Awards & Recognition

The Pastor

Scout Unit Leadership

The Blessing of the Scouts

Clergy

The Worship through Music

The Choir

The Word Proclaimed

Clergy OR Youth

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Clergy

The Worship through Giving¹

The Stewardship Committee

The Offertory Response

Choir/Congregation

Praise and Thanksgiving (AMECH #575)

Father, providing food for Your children, By Your wise guiding, Teach us to share

One with another, So that rejoicing with us, all others May know Your care. Amen

(Words by Albert F. Bayly; Tune: Gaelic)

The Scouts' Affirmation of Faith

Where the Spirit of the Great Scoutmaster is, there is the one true Church, apostolic and universal, whose Holy faith we now declare:

We believe in the Great Scoutmaster, who created the celestial bodies above and the cosmic earth below.

¹ In addition to the normal tithe and offering, it would be appropriate to receive a "free-will" offering to support the ministry of AAMES.

We believe in Jesus the Christ, fully divine and fully human, the perfect expression of the Great Scoutmaster's love, that grounds us in the hope of our promised deliverance from sin, death, and the grave.

We believe that the Holy Spirit is ever-present in us, through us, and all around us to enable us to do a good turn daily and to remain honest, fair-minded, and faithful to our duty to God and country.

We believe that our mandate from God, to help other people at all times, in all situations, in all corners of the world, is the fundamental principle underlying our scouting ministry that God's **Kin-dom** maybe made manifest in all the earth. Amen.

(Written by the Rev. Dr. Missouri McPhee)

The Announcements/Remarks

The Retirement of the Colors

The Color Guard

The AAMES Benediction

Choir/Congregation

May our God who loves all Scouts below,
May God draw us closer as we grow,
Grow in grace and heed our master's call.
May the Great Scoutmaster bless us all.
May the Great Scoutmaster bless us all.

(Words by the Rev. Dr. Missouri McPhee; Tune by Jonathan McReynolds (God Is Good))

Suggested Choir Selections

How Great is Our God by Chris Tomlin, etc.

You Know My Name by Tasha Cobb Leonard