



Centenary Camp Celebration
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Order of Worship
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Welcome

Rev. Danielle Upton

Opening Prayer

Pastor Manuel Guerra

Declaration of Purpose

Bill McMillan

The time has come for this congregation of Christ's holy Church, under God's leadership, to take leave of this Camp and its buildings. It has been consecrated for the ministry of God's Holy Word and Sacraments. It has provided refuge and comfort for God's people. It has served well our holy faith. It is fitting, therefore, that we should take our leave of this consecrated house, Lifting up our hearts in thanksgiving for this common store of memories.

Opening Hymn

Pastor Stuart Upton and Marjorie Morgan
I Love To Tell the Story

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do. **Refrain**

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet. I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. **Refrain**

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. **Refrain**

Refrain: I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

Sharing Our Stories:

Suzie Redmon sharing her Story & Rev. David McEntire's Story
Ellen Watson sharing NW District Superintendent, Rev. Wayne Wiatt's Story

Leslie Smith, Previous Director of Rotary Camp, sharing her Story

Jim Durrwachter sharing his Story &

Long-Time Camp Directors, Donna and Dave Bruns' Story

Litany of Thanksgiving

Kay Roach

Blessed be the name of God, whose Word has long been proclaimed within this hallowed place.

Response: We give you thanks, O God.

As our generations have prayed their prayers and sung your praises here, Your Spirit has blessed countless worshipers.

Response: We give you thanks, O God.

We have celebrated the Lord's Supper here and been nurtured by it through our journey in faith.

Response: We give you thanks, O God.

From within these walls many have gone out to serve you in the World.

Response: We give you thanks, O God.

As we go now from this house into a further journey of faith.

We give you thanks, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Hymn of Celebration This Is My Father's World

This is my Father's World, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's World: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise, the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise. This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair, in the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad? The Lord is King; let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 7: 24-29

Rev. Jack Tilk

Reflecting on God's Word

"A Firm Foundation"

Declaration of Deconsecration

Rev. Bob Gibbs

These buildings, having been consecrated and named Centenary Camp, together with the land on which it stands and all objects remaining in it, we now deconsecrate and release for any honorable use as the Spirit may lead.

Closing Hymn

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Closing Prayer

Pastor Curtiss Cain

O God, as in your great goodness you have blessed the many ministry carried on in this camp. So, now and in the days and years to come, we pray that you may greatly bless your many ministries in your ongoing mission. Bless those persons who have worshiped on this campus and will continue to worship in their churches. As disciples of the risen Christ, may we be channels at all times of your steadfast love; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.