



**Scouting Sunday  
Conversation Sunday  
February 11, 2018  
10:30 a.m.**

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## The Call

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO GATHERING

Life can seem shrouded in mystery.

**O Lord, lift the veil of our misunderstanding  
that we may see your Light.**

We are eager to serve.

**O Lord, calm our spirits and patiently prepare us for service.**

Look to the Lord for mercy and comfort.

**We look to the Lord for healing and hope. AMEN.**

\*PRAISE

**"All Hail King Jesus"**

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## The Conversation

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. AMEN.**

RESPONSIVE READING

***Psalm 50:1-6***

SCRIPTURE

2 Kings 2:1-12; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

CHILDREN'S HYMN

**"Shine, Jesus, Shine"** (vs 1)

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CHILDREN'S TIME

***BAM! A Surprise!***

A TIME OF CONVERSATION

*† = We will dismiss ourselves to various locations. Please follow directions to determine which group you will join this morning.*

- Where or how have you seen God at work in your life or around you recently?
- Describe a time when you saw Jesus or heard Jesus' voice.
- How does Mark's message of BAM speak to you?
- "How is it with your soul?" How have you experienced God's grace?

SHARING OUR JOYS, CONCERNS

*† = Please share specific Joys and Concerns with your group. Take notes, and pray together as you complete your conversation. Thank you!*

## The Community

### SHARING OUR THOUGHTS

### HONORING OUR SCOUTS

~Mark Trotter from [umcdiscipleship.org](http://umcdiscipleship.org)

*Our Scouts and Scout leaders are invited forward.*

Robert Baden-Powell began Boy Scouts in 1908 and Girl Scouts in 1910 in England. American William Boyce founded the American version of Boy Scouts in 1910, while Juliette Gordon Low founded Girl Scouts in America in 1912. Cub Scouting began a few years later.

Scouting instills its Oaths and Laws reverence and honor and duty to God. Scouts uses "discipling" methods for teaching skills and leadership. Scouts also have specific badges, awards, and honors that relate to religious knowledge and practice.

It is appropriate for congregations to honor Scouts and Scout Leaders in our midst.

### PRAYER FOR SCOUTS

O God, your will is that all your children should grow into fullness of life.

We lift to you the ministry of scouting.

We offer you thanks for camping,

to teach us that the world is our great home;

for study and work, to build character;

for service, to see our responsibility to those in need;

for encouragement in genuine patriotism and vital faith.

Bless the work of scouting, in this place and around the world,

that, through its efforts, the young may, like our Lord,

increase in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with you and all people.

**AMEN.**

### \*CLOSING HYMN

***"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"***

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### \*SENDING

~[umcdiscipleship.org](http://umcdiscipleship.org)

Get ready to serve the Lord.

Go in peace and joy,

sharing the good news of Jesus' transforming love and power for all.

AMEN.