

## **The Ceremony of the Rainbow**

A rainbow offers hope and a promise down through time,  
on a covenant of peace between God and all mankind.

It arches up and curves across a rain drenched summer sky,  
Beyond our reach, it gives us hope, to keep us aiming high.

A mirrored hand that shines right out to reflect a silvery glow,  
As pinks and greens bedeck the earth, way down here below.

A shining arc of glistening white to represent sweet purity;  
And there nearby is purple deep an emblem of royalty.

So love now on our Daughters, like rainbows bright and fair,  
As each of them will take their pledge and thus begin the term.

God grant serenity and wisdom, an understanding heart;  
To each of these new officers as this Bethel term new starts.

Bethel Choir

Our choir sings out with songs of love, their voices raised aloud.  
Their heavenly music fills the air like a promise from our God.

As the beauty of each rainbow comes from blending many shades,  
So the choirs song is rich and strong as each single voice does fade.

Outer Guard

Iron deep within each Daughters heart, is love reflecting out.  
Guard well this love and nurture it to ease all signs of doubt.

Inner Guard

She guards our doors against a siege, and keeps out fear and hate.  
Only rainbows rays of hope and love can enter through this gate.

Senior Custodian

A pot of gold waits just beyond the rainbows final turn,  
So guard with care our incense rare that's stored within the urn.

Junior Custodian

In each rainbow is a promise of our Dear Lord's Fatherly Love,

A sign of hope for neah through the flight of the heavenly dove.

#### Musician

Our musician weaves from many notes a melody of song.  
Soaring upwards on the bow, her music carries on.

#### Librarian

Our Librarian has written works whose knowledge she will share.  
As the rainbow proves its value in the colors that it bears.

#### Recorder

Our recorder writes on every page with inks of every hue,  
So the colors of the rainbow live on in all we do.

#### Chaplain

Our Chaplain prays on bended knee with her head bowed in a nod.  
Just as the rainbow climbs to Heaven like a ladder up to God.

#### Treasurer

Our Treasurer keeps our balance and records all payments told.  
Just like the rainbows promise where we find our pot of gold.

#### Messengers

The messengers sit in circular form like the rainbow in the sky.  
Their stories tell a life of Faith and reward from up on high.  
If we have patience, faith and love, then riches all untold;  
Will be a gift for everyone from rainbows heavenly gold.  
As messengers fair, now do your share, and tell your stories true.  
A ribbon of love composed above with glows of every hue.

#### Marshal

Guard this flag of bright colors, the red, white and blue.  
An emblem of freedom and our loyalty true.

#### Guide

Pilgrims follow the Guide through this Holy Place  
They'll learn of Job's stories as in your steps they trace

#### Junior Princess

Now the rainbow glistens and it gleams a pearly white;  
As the Junior Princess enters she seems to radiate a light.  
Her duty is to teach us about God's Holy Love  
Symbolized in Bethels by the innocent white dove.

#### Senior Princess

Heavenly colors today show their radiant glory;  
As the messengers relate our beautiful story.  
A jewel of rich purple is placed in her crown,  
Where it sparkles and shines from the light coming down.

#### Honored Queen

A rainbow of love now appears to unfold,  
Reds, yellows and blues and bright brilliant gold.  
Silver and pink and rich emerald green,  
Reflecting the cape you wear as our queen.

In your travels this term let a rainbow lead your way  
Cherish the friends and loved ones who brighten your day  
Let work make you happy and rest keep you strong  
May your humor support you when things will go wrong.

The strongest faith and brightest hope that faith can impart,  
Is to keep dreaming... keep believing... keep a rainbow in your heart.