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Scriptures: [Scripture linked to NRSV at Oremus Bible Browser]

<u>1 Samuel 8:4–11 [12–15] 16–20 (11:14–15)</u> (Israel demands a king; Samuel anoints Saul)

Psalm 138 (Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands)

2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1 (What can be seen is temporary; what cannot be seen is eternal)

Mark 3:20-35 (Doing the will of God as sisters, brothers of Christ)

Alternate First Reading and Psalm:

Genesis 3:8–15 (God confronts Adam and Eve; the results of sin)

Psalm 130 (With the Lord there is steadfast love and great power to redeem)

Themes: God's Steadfast Love, Faithfulness, Forgiveness, Family of God

The FOCAL PASSAGE on Faithelement's podcast for this week is 1 Samuel 8:4-20

(Podcast will be ready 2 weeks before date of use)

HYMN SUGGESTIONS

Hymn Suggestions link to <u>Hymnary.org</u>, a searchable resource with a wealth of information. The tunes listed here are the ones most commonly associated with the texts, and the biblical/thematic references suggest the hymn's association with the scriptures or themes of this service.

Come, Thou Almighty King (ITALIAN HYMN)	1 Samuel
Grace Alone (GRACE ALONE)	2 Corinthians
How Can I Keep from Singing (My Life Flows On) (ENDLESS SONG)	2 Corinthians
I Come to the Garden Alone (GARDEN)	Genesis
Lead Me, Guide Me (LEAD ME, GUIDE ME)	Genesis, Mark
My Faith Look Up to Thee (OLIVET)	2 Corinthians
Out of the Depths (AUS TIEFER NOT)	Psalm 130
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (LAUDA ANIMA [ANDREWS] or [GOSS])	1 Samuel, Psalm 138, Genesis
Precious Lord, Take My Hand (PRECIOUS LORD)	Psalm 138
Servant Song (GILLARD)	Mark
Silence, Frenzied, Unclean Spirit (AUTHORITY)	Mark
There's a Wideness In God's Mercy (IN BABILONE; WELLESLEY)	Genesis, Psalm 130
This Is My Father's World (TERRA BEATA)	Genesis
Who Is My Mother, Who Is My Brother (KINDRED)	Mark
Worthy of Worship (Jupson)	Psalm 138

ANTHEMS

E = Easy, M = Moderate, MD = Moderately Difficult

Count It All Joy – ME	Now Is the Cool of the Day – E	
Day By Day – E	Out of the Depths – E	
Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether – MMark, Communion UNION SEMINARY/Harold Friedell © 1957, H.W. Gray, CMR2472 SATB, Organ	Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above – M Psalm 138 MIT FREUDEN ZART/Robert Lau, arr. © 2001, Hinshaw Music, HMC-1810 SATB, Organ	
He, Watching Over Israel (Elijah) – M Psalm 138 Felix Mendelssohn/Hal Hopson, arr. © 1992, Hope Publishing, AA1690 SAB, Keyboard	This Is My Father's World – E	
I Will Wait for You – M	– YOUTH and CHILDREN –	
King of Glory, King of Peace – E 1 Samuel, Psalm 138 K. Lee Scott © 1986, Concordia Publishing, 98-2728	With My Whole Heart – E Psalm 138 Daniel Myer © 2001, GIA Publications, G-5116 Unison, Keyboard	
2-Part Mixed, Organ Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake – M Genesis Richard Farrant © 1925, 1952, E. Schirmer, 0374 SATB, a cappella	I Will Praise You, O Lord – E	

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL (Prayers, Poems, Quotes & Liturgies)

Give us, O Lord,

A steadfast heart which no unworthy thought can drag downwards; An unconquered heart which no tribulation can wear out; An upright heart which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside.

Give us, O Lord,

Understanding to know you, diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you, and a faithfulness that may embrace you; Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

— THOMAS AQUINAS (1225-1274)

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 138)

Leader: I bow down toward your holy temple and give

thanks to your name;

People: for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;

Leader: on the day I called, you answered me;

People: you increased my strength of soul;

Leader: I shall sing of the ways of the Lord;

People: for great is the glory of the Lord;

Leader: the Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;

People: your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

— Heather Thum-Gerber*

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CENTERING PRAYER

Eternal God,
Our inner nature is renewed day by day
with your help,
help us today find rest;
find peace;
and fall into the stillness of your presence.
Amen.

— HT-G

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If mountains can be moved by faith, is there less power in love?

- FREDERICK W. FABER, Sermons

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We have tried to hide ourselves from you, O God, since the very beginning of time. We try to hide our shame, our disobedience, our envy, our mistakes, and all the faults we contain. But you know them. Our attempts to hide do not conceal us from you. O God, you know the nakedness of our wrongdoing toward you and those around us. We come before you baring all of who we are, knowing your mercy and steadfast love. Help us move away from our old ways of living toward the way of life shown to us in our Savior. In Christ's name we pray, amen.

— HT-G

FOR THINE is the kingdom and the other great fors: forbearance, forgiveness, fortitude, forever: this is what you promised it is enough it is everything.

— MADELEINE L'ENGLE, from "The Promise"

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God,
We approach your Word seeking
to know your way of life.
Help our ears be attentive and our hearts open.
May what you reveal today move us
to more fully serve you in the days ahead.
Amen.

— HT-G

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CHARGE AND BLESSING

Go out into the world renewed to remember God's steadfast love, open to the accompanying presence of Christ Jesus in your midst, and ever attentive to the work of the Spirit day by day; and may the blessing of God be with you and remain with you always. Amen.

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