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The Fourth Sunday

in Kingdomtide

9:45 *Gathering and Songs of Praise*

“Faithful One”

Faithful One so unchanging Ageless One

You're my Rock of peace Lord of all I depend on You
I call out to You again and again I call out to You again and
again

You are my Rock

In times of trouble

You lift me up when I fall down All through the storm

Your love is the anchor

My hope is in You alone

You are my rock, You are my hope Faithful One
Your are my rock, You are my hope

Faithful One

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- “Refiners Fire”

Purify my heart

Let me be as gold,

And precious silver

Purify my heart

Let me be as gold, pure gold

Refiner's fire

My heart's one desire

Is to be holy

Set apart for You, Lord

I choose to be holy

Set apart for You my Master Ready to do Your will

Purify my heart

Cleanse me from within, And make me holy Purify my heart

Cleanse me from my sin,

Deep within

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“Here I am to Worship”

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness Opened my eyes let
me see Beauty that made this heart adore You Hope
of a life spent with You

So, here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You’re my God You’re
altogether lovely Altogether worthy Altogether
wonderful to me.

King of all days
O so highly exalted Glorious in Heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created All for love’s sake became
poor

I’ll never know how much it cost

To see my sin upon that cross

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10:00 Welcome

Call to Worship

L: We come into the presence
of the Holy God,

P: Who may not be grasped,

L: But may be gazed upon;

P: Who is not easily understood,

L: But is full of understanding;

**P: Who does not come
at our beck and call,**

L: But who is always near.

P We gather as God's children

L: In confident assurance that God is here.

*Hymn: “Sweet Hour of Prayer” 496

1. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne
make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief,
my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

2. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
the joys I feel, the bliss I share
of those whose anxious spirits burn
with strong desires for thy return!
With such I hasten to the place
where God my Savior shows his face,
and gladly take my station there,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

3. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
thy wings shall my petition bear
to him whose truth and faithfulness
engage the waiting soul to bless.

And since he bids me seek his face,
believe his word, and trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my every care,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Opening Prayer

Father in heaven,
we have all fallen short of your glory.
We enter this sanctuary—this place
that has been set aside and made holy
for your worship, as sinners
equally unworthy of the grace and mercy
we've been shown.
We enter this time of worship to thank you
for all the steadfast love you have shown us.
We enter this house of prayer
asking you for strength and mercy
as we continue this journey of life.
We enter your house singing, praying,
and listening together to your holy Word.
In the name of Jesus we prayer
and through your Holy Spirit. Amen

*Prayer of Confession

*Sharing the Peace - "The Family of God"
I'm so glad I'm a part of the Family of God,
I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His
blood!
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,
For I'm part of the family,
The Family of God.

Proclamation and Response

The Hebrew Scriptures: Proverbs 8:1-12

Does not wisdom call out?

Does not understanding raise her voice?

At the highest point along the way,
where the paths meet, she takes her stand;

beside the gate leading into the city,
at the entrance, she cries aloud:

"To you, O people, I call out;

I raise my voice to all.

You who are simple, gain prudence;

you who are foolish, set your hearts on it.

Listen, for I have trustworthy things to say;

I open my lips to speak what is right.

My mouth speaks what is true,

for my lips detest wickedness.

All the words of my mouth are just;

none of them is crooked or perverse.

To the discerning all of them are right;

they are upright to those who have found
knowledge.

Choose my instruction instead of silver,

knowledge rather than choice gold,

for wisdom is more precious than rubies,

and nothing you desire can compare with her.

“I, wisdom, dwell together with prudence;
I possess knowledge and discretion.

Praise Team: “Hear from Heaven”

We are Your people called by Your name We humble
ourselves and pray

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ourselves and pray

We turn from our sin
And come to seek Your face

Hear from heaven
And forgive our wicked ways Hear from heaven

And heal our land today

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Children’s Sermon: “The Dishonest Manager”

***Glory Be to the Father**

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

16 Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. **2** So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your

management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ **3** Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. **4** I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ **5** So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ **6** He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ **7** Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ **8** And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. **9** And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

10 “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. **11** If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? **12** And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? **13** No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

Sermon: "Wise or Just Clever?"

Meditative Interlude

Pastoral Prayer

The Offering - Doxology

Offertory Prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving - The Lord's Prayer

Sending Forth

Closing Hymn: "I Surrender All" 354 vv. 1, 2, 4, 5

1. All to Jesus I surrender;
all to him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust him,
in his presence daily live.

Refrain:

I surrender all, I surrender all,
all to thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

2. All to Jesus I surrender;
humbly at his feet I bow,
worldly pleasures all forsaken;
take me, Jesus, take me now. [Refrain]

4. All to Jesus I surrender;
Lord, I give myself to thee;
fill me with thy love and power;
let thy blessing fall on me. [Refrain]

5. All to Jesus I surrender;
now I feel the sacred flame.
O the joy of full salvation!
Glory, glory to his name! [Refrain]

*The Blessing

Response: "Make Me a Servant" TFWS 2176

Make me a servant
Humble and meek
Lord let me lift up
Those who are weak
And may the prayer
Of my heart always be
Make me a servant
Make me a servant
Make me a servant today

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Standard size boxes of Kleenex tissues
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