## Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31

[21] Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood since the earth was founded? [22] He sits enthroned above the
circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a
canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in. [23] He brings princes to naught and
reduces the rulers of this world to nothing. [24] No sooner are they planted, no sooner are
they sown, no sooner do they take root in the ground, than he blows on them and they
wither, and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff. [25] "To whom will you compare me?
Or who is my equal?" says the Holy One. [26] Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens:
Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each
of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is
missing. [27] Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel, "My way is hidden
from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God"? [28] Do you not know? Have you not
heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not
grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. [29] He gives strength to the
weary and increases the power of the weak. [30] Even youths grow tired and weary, and
young men stumble and fall; [31] but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and
not be faint.

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***February 19, 2017, 7th* Sunday after Epiphany**
**Communion Sunday**
**UMH** (United Methodist Hymnal) **FWS** (Faith We Sing)
(**Indicates for Congregation to stand if able)

**Announcements / Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**Time of Reflection** ***Holy*** **Pianist: Joel**

****Hymn #3003 (insert)** ***How Great is Our God***

****Call to Worship** **Liturgist: Chris**

L: Holy God, make us holy with your grace and fill us with your love.
**P: Gather us together in your Spirit and teach us your ways, that we may live your law of love.**

****Hymn #2244 (FWS)** ***People Need the Lord***

**Children's Sermon** **Dean**

**Joys and Concerns / Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer**
Our Father, who art in Heaven; hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done; on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

****Gloria Patri**
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Choir** ***If You Search for Me with all Your Heart***

**Scriptures** **Isaiah 40:21-31**

**Hymn #143 (UMH)** ***Eagles Wings***

**Message** **"*Everlasting*"** **Pastor Carolyn Westlake**

**Celebration of Holy Communion**

**Giving of Our Tithes and Offering - Please sign Pew Pad.**

****Doxology**
Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below, praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

****Offertory Prayer**
By your grace, loving Christ, make these gifts holy. Transform each dollar into a sign of love, each coin into the face of hope, and each prayerful gift into a blessing of compassion. By your grace, loving Christ, bless this offering as an offering of love. Amen.

****Hymn #139 (UMH)** ***Praise to the Lord, The Almighty***

**Benediction / Greeting/ Postlude**

**Prayer for Living Generously**
Gracious and Generous God, send your Holy Spirit to:

- Break through and renew and revive our churches, unleashing your gifts of radical hospitality, saving grace, and abundant life on a broken world.
- Empower our clergy and lay leadership to offer you, O God, all the gifts you have bestowed upon them.
- Boldly use me, without limits, delays or excuses to live generously and serve the full arrival of your reign on earth.
- Create in me a generous heart and a desire to live in your presence with ever-growing gratitude.

I pray in the name of Jesus whose love, mercy and justice know no bounds. Amen

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**Fellowship:** Please join us for fellowship time following the service downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. **Nursery:** Available for your use.