

they shall walk and not faint.

**Hymn** *Love Divine All Loves*

*Excelling #376*

**Mark 1:29-39** As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

**Sermon** Rev. Sharon Carter

**Responding in Faith**

**Affirmation of Faith**

*Apostles' Creed, ecumenical p.14*

**Notes**

**The Service of Giving**

Prayer of Dedication Offering  
Music

**+Response** *Gloria Patri #577*

**The Lord's Supper**

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy holy holy is the Lord of hosts. (2x)**

**The whole world is full of God's glory.(3x)**

**Holy is the Lord!**

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

**Communion of the People**

**Prayer after Communion**

**Going into the World**

**+Hymn** *The Servant Song STF2222*

**+Charge and Benediction**

**+Postlude**

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February 4, 2018  
+Stand as you are able  
*Leader reads plain type, Congregation reads bold*

## Preparing Ourselves

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### Lighting of the Christ candle

### +Call to Worship

L: Praise the Lord! Sing praises to God, for God is loving and compassionate.

**P: Praise the Lord! For God heals our pain and comforts our sorrows.**

L: Praise the Lord! For God gives us life and hope for all generations.

**P: Praise the Lord! Let us lift our voices to God for all the good God has done.**

### +Opening Prayer

Let us pray: **Gracious God, we praise you for your goodness and lovingkindness that is with us always. Fill us with your loving presence as we worship you today, that we may be enriched and encouraged for the work in the world that we do in your name. We pray this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray together: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our***

*daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.*

**+Hymn** *When Morning Guilds the Skies* #487

### Call to Confession

**Confession** Let us pray:

**Compassionate God, In the beginning you created the earth and all that is in it and called it good. You entrusted humanity with its use and care. But we have taken advantage of your trust: we spoil the water and air and waste the resources you have given us to live. Have mercy on us, O God, and open our eyes and hearts to be better stewards of your world, that many more generations may be sustained by your glorious creation. (moment of silence.)**

**What picture of God does the Isaiah passage paint for you?  
How do you feel about this God?**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

L: In Jesus Christ we are all forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

**P: In Jesus Christ we are all forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Song** *Come & Fill Our Hearts* (2x) #2157

### The Peace

L: As God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another: the Peace of Christ be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

**Anthem** *On Eagle's Wings - Joncas*

(congregation join on refrain)

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.*

## Hearing the Word

**Prayer for Illumination** **In the words that are before us, O God, may we hear your voice and your truth; and may we be open to your call on our lives. Amen..**

## Scripture Readings

**Isaiah 40:21-31** Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? <sup>22</sup>It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; <sup>23</sup>who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the

**Why does Jesus go to a deserted place by himself? Is there a difference between his healing of the people and proclaiming the message? If so, what?**

earth as nothing. <sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. <sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. <sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. <sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? <sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. <sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup>but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary,