A person is running across a grassy field at sunset. The sky is a deep blue with some clouds. On the left side of the image, there is a black street lamp with a glowing yellow light. The person is in the center, running towards the right, with their arms outstretched and legs in mid-stride. The overall mood is one of freedom and hope.

**BUT THOSE WHO TRUST IN
THE LORD WILL FIND NEW STRENGTH. THEY
WILL SOAR HIGH ON WINGS LIKE EAGLES.
THEY WILL RUN
AND NOT GROW WEARY. THEY WILL WALK AND NOT FAINT
-ISAIAH 40:30-31 (NLT)**

**Martin United Methodist Church
Service of Worship**

bold, bold italic are spoken/sung in unison

August 15, 2021

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Welcome

Rev. Lara Whitley Franklin

Prelude

Tarantelle
Jieun Lee

Paul Beaumont

Call to Worship

8:30- Brandie Spletzer
11:00- Rev. Faiana Funaki

One: Have you not known?

**All: Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
but we who wait for the Lord shall renew our strength.**

One: Have you not heard?

All: We shall mount up with wings like eagles.

One: Has it not been told you from the beginning?

All: We shall run and not be weary.

One: Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

**All: We shall walk and not be faint.
They who wait for the Lord.
We who wait for the Lord.**

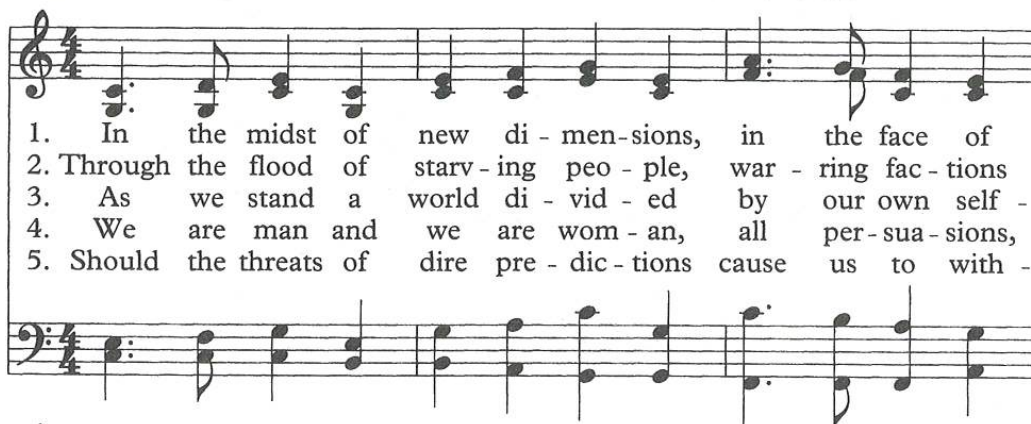
— written by Katherine Hawker, and posted on her **Liturgies Outside** website.

Opening Hymn

In the Midst of New Dimensions

TFWS 2238
(vs. 1, 2, 4 & 5)

2238 In the Midst of New Dimensions



1. In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of
 2. Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions
 3. As we stand a world di - vid - ed by our own self -
 4. We are man and we are wom - an, all per - sua - sions,
 5. Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with -



chang - ing ways, who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples
 and de - spair, who will lift the ol - ive branch - es?
 seek - ing schemes, grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage,
 old and young, each a gift in your cre - a - tion,
 draw in pain, may your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it

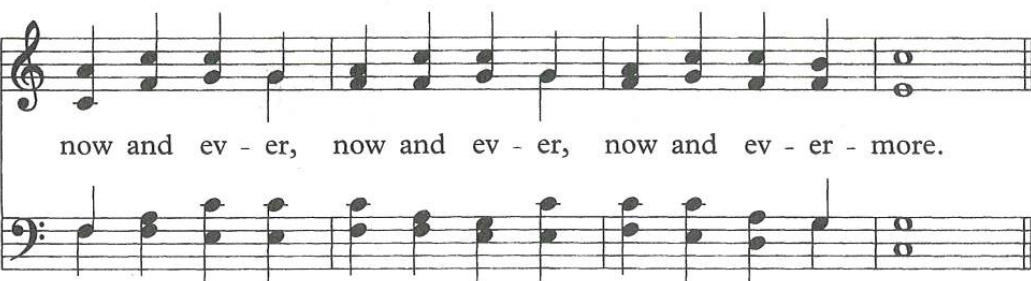


Refrain

wan - dering in their sep - a - rate ways?
 Who will light the flame of care?
 might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams. God of rain - bow, fier - y pil - lar,
 each a love song to be sung.
 res - ur - rect the church a - gain.



lead - ing where the ea - gles soar, we your peo - ple, ours the jour - ney



now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

WORDS: Julian B. Rush (Gen. 9:12-16; Exod. 13:21-22; Num. 14:14)
 MUSIC: Julian B. Rush

NEW DIMENSIONS
 87.87 with Refrain

Affirmation of Faith

8:30- Brandie Spletzer
11:00- Rev. Faiana Funaki

**All: This we have come to know,
this is what we have heard:
the Eternal is an everlasting God,
creator of heaven and earth,
who does not grow weary or faint;
whose wisdom is unsearchable,
giving energy to the meek
and strength to those who have none.**

**Even youths shall faint and grow weary,
young athletes shall fall exhausted;
but those who love the Lord Jesus
and patiently put their trust in God,
shall renew their strength;
they shall soar with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not weary,
they shall walk and not faint.**

— written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on [Bruce Prewer's Homepage](#).

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. Amen.***

Children's Time

Robin Bratton

We invite all the children to come forward for a message

The 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.*

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:21-31

Rev. Philip Rhodes

Don't you know? Haven't you heard?
Wasn't it announced to you from the beginning?
Haven't you understood since the earth was founded?

God inhabits the earth's horizon—
its inhabitants are like locusts—
stretches out the skies like a curtain
and spreads it out like a tent for dwelling.

God makes dignitaries useless
and the earth's judges into nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely is their shoot rooted in the earth
when God breathes on them, and they dry up;
the windstorm carries them off like straw.

So to whom will you compare me,
and who is my equal? says the holy one.

Look up at the sky and consider:
Who created these?
The one who brings out their attendants one by one,
summoning each of them by name.
Because of God's great strength
and mighty power, not one is missing.

Why do you say, Jacob,
and declare, Israel,
"My way is hidden from the Lord,
my God ignores my predicament"?

Don't you know? Haven't you heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the creator of the ends of the earth.
He doesn't grow tired or weary.
His understanding is beyond human reach,
giving power to the tired
and reviving the exhausted.

Youths will become tired and weary,
young men will certainly stumble;
but those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength;
they will fly up on wings like eagles;
they will run and not be tired;
they will walk and not be weary.

Sermon

The Strength to Walk

Rev. Philip Rhodes

Offertory Prayer

8:30- Brandie Spletzer
11:00- Rev. Faiana Funaki

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Offertory

8:30- *The Lord's My Shepherd*
Jieun Lee

Larry Shackley

11:00- *A Gospel Alleluia*
The Worship Choir

Joel Raney

Doxology

Invitation

Rev. Lara Franklin

Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

UMH 139

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 139

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might-y, the King of cre - a -
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign -
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de - fend
 4. Praise to the Lord, who doth nour-ish thy life and re - store
 5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore

tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal -
 ing bears thee on ea - gle's wings, e'er in his keep-ing main -
 thee; sure - ly his good-ness and mer-cy here dai - ly at -
 thee, fit - ting thee well for the tasks that are ev - er be -
 him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais-es be -

va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his tem - ple draw
 tain - ing. God's care en - folds all, whose true good he up -
 tend thee. Pon-der a - new what the Al - might-y can
 fore thee. Then to thy need God as a moth-er doth
 fore him! Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a -

near; join me in glad ad - o - ra tion!
 holds. Hast thou not known his sus - tain ing?
 do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
 speed, spread-ing the wings of grace o'er thee.
 gain; glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him.

WORDS: Joachim Neander, 1680; sts. 1, 3, 5 trans. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863
 st. 2 by S. Paul Schilling, 1986; st. 4 by Rupert E. Davies, 1983 (Ps. 103:1-6; 150)
 MUSIC: *Erneuernten Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. by William Sterndale Bennett, 1864

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Benediction

Rev. Lara Franklin

Postlude

Toccata in E Minor
Emma Wimberg

Pachelbel