

Isaiah 40:18-25

“With whom, then, will you compare God?

To what image will you liken him?

¹⁹ As for an idol, a metalworker casts it,
and a goldsmith overlays it with gold
and fashions silver chains for it.

²⁰ A person too poor to present such an offering
selects wood that will not rot;

they look for a skilled worker

to set up an idol that will not topple.

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.”

Exodus 3:13-14 - Moses meets God in the Burning Bush

Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” **14** God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” God said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

Romans 11:33-36

O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are her judgments and how inscrutable her ways!

“For who has known the mind of God?

Or who has been her counselor?”

“Or who has given a gift to her,
to receive a gift in return?”

For from her and through her and to her are all things. To God be the glory forever. Amen.

Contemplate:

- Read and re-read the Scriptures (Isaiah 40, Exodus 3, and Romans 11) from today's service. What parts fit with your understanding and experience of God? What doesn't fit?
- What in these Scriptures fit with the "God" article in the Confession of Faith? Is anything left out or different?
- Isaiah 40 invites us to consider comparisons for God. What modern day images would you use to describe what God is like? (Consider sharing one of these later in the service).

Additional options:

- **Confess Yourself!** How would you start an article entitled "God" in your personal Confession of Faith? Make a list of qualities you'd make sure to include.
- **God in the Hymnal?** Flip through the hymnal to see what metaphors and images of God you can find. What does our love of music say about God?
- **Can You Hear Me?** What is God communicating to you right now? Sometimes we just need to sit down, be quiet, and listen!