

Contemporary Order of Worship
 August 6, 2023
 Worship Series: Road Trip
 Message: U-Turn

Gathering	<i>Alive & Breathing</i>	
Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Ministry Moment	Nominations & Leadership Development	Joana Arthur
SPPRC Update		
Centering Moment		
*Centering Song	<i>I Will Follow</i>	
*Prayer		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Pastor: Let us pray.		
People: God of power and might,		
let Your love shine on us and through us to others.		
Take the blindness from our eyes and our hearts.		
Give us the joy of knowing and serving You		
in all that we say, think and do.		
In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.		
Farewell Blessing for the Seymour Family		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Children's Moment		Linda Biscardo
Celebration of Youth Mission Trip		Youth Mission Team
Prayers of People		Sarah Chambers
Offering Song	<i>Build My Life</i>	
Prayer of Thanksgiving		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
New Testament Reading	Act 9:1-6	Lisa Dickinson
Message	<i>U-Turn</i>	Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Invitation to Communion

Sarah Chambers

Prayer of Confession

**Jesus, we have heard Your challenge to go
and share the promise of Your love.
Forgive us for the times when we have not been obedient;
when we have not paid attention to, seen, or helped those in our midst.
Forgive us when through our own spiritual blindness
we have hurt others with our words, actions, or inaction.
Open our eyes to see clearly the path You call us to walk.
Fill our steps with Your love and peace,
that Your love might reach all those whom we encounter.
AMEN.**

Assurance and Pardon

Leader: The Lord forgives and sends deliverance through Jesus Christ.

Just as the Lord forgave Saul and set him on a new path,
God continues to show us the way.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Alleluia! AMEN.

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH 13

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing . . .

And so, we Your people on earth

and with all the company of heaven

praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are You . . . And so, in remembrance
of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer Following Communion
Eternal God,
we give You thanks for this holy mystery
in which You have given Yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of Your Spirit,
to give ourselves to others
in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

*Closing Song *Live Like You're Loved*

*Benediction Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Postlude *Live Like You're Loved (Reprise)*