

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

Prelude *Day by Day* June Shuffett

Welcome/Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Ministry Moment Nominations & Leadership Development Jess Posey

SPPRC Update Joana Arthur

*Call to Worship

Pastor: You break in, O God, on the road.

People: You never give up on us.

Pastor: You refuse to let us continue in the wrong direction.

People: You break in, O God, and change everything.

*Hymn *Open My Eyes, That I May See* UMH 454

*Opening 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.

Children's Moment Linda Biscardo

Celebration of Youth Mission Trip Youth Mission Team

Prayers of People Sarah Chambers

Offering *His Eyes on the Sparrow* Amy McCarthy

*Doxology UMH 95

**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**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

New Testament Reading

Acts 9:1-6

Jordan Biscardo

Message

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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 might 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.**

*Hymn	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	UMH 451
*Benediction		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Postlude	<i>The Lord is My Light</i>	June Shuffett