

August 13, 2023 at 9:00 AM  
Worship Series: Road Trip  
Message: Road Less Traveled  
UMH – United Methodist Hymnal  
TFWS – The Faith We Sing  
\*Stand in body or in spirit

Prelude *Take My Life and Let It Be* June Shuffett

Welcome/Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

\*Call to Worship Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Pastor: Gather us in, the brokenhearted and the joyful.

**People: Gather us in, the weak and the strong.**

Pastor: Gather us in, to know Your love.

**People: Gather us in, to worship and wonder.**

Pastor: Gather us in, as Your disciples.

**People: Gather us in. Teach us to walk in Your ways.**

\*Hymn *Gather Us In* TFWS 2236

\*Opening Prayer Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Pastor: Let us pray.

**People: God of all our journeys,**

**we admit we would prefer to walk the easy paths of life,  
focusing on our own agendas and comfort.**

**But, You, Lord, call us to walk the roads less traveled,  
which require us to give of ourselves and risk loving our neighbors.**

**Open our eyes and hearts to those in need around us,  
and give us courage to respond with compassion and care;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

Farewell Blessing for the Szechtman Family Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Children's Moment Linda Biscardo

Prayers of People Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

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.**

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| <b>Offering</b>                | <i>The Gift of Love</i>                          | Bob Shuffett               |
| <b>*Doxology</b>               |  | UMH 95                     |
| <b>*Prayer of Thanksgiving</b> |  |                            |
| <b>Gospel Reading</b>          | Luke 10:25-37                                    | Kathy Henry                |
| <b>*Hymn</b>                   | <i>Lord I want to be a Christian in My Heart</i> | UMH 402                    |
| <b>Message</b>                 | <i>Road Less Traveled</i>                        | Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller |
| <b>*Hymn</b>                   | <i>Here I Am, Lord</i>                           | UMH 593                    |
| <b>*Benediction</b>            |  | Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller |
| <b>Postlude</b>                | <i>The Servant Song</i>                          | June Shuffett              |