

August 20, 2023 at 11:00 AM
Worship Series: Road Trip
Message: Headed Home
*Stand in body or in spirit

Gathering Songs *You Are the Light
My Lighthouse* Praise Band

Welcome/Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Music Ministry Moment Amy McCarthy

Centering Moment

*Centering Song *I Will Follow* Praise Band

*Opening Prayer Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: God of the lost, the least,
and all who long for home,
when we wander from Your ways
and waste the gifts You have given us,
welcome us back, we pray,
so that we may celebrate and rejoice
in Your presence forever;
through Jesus Christ Your beloved Son. AMEN.

Blessing of the Backpacks Linda Biscardo and Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Loving God,
we offer our backpacks
as a sign of our thanks
for all You will do
with us and for us
this school year!
Bless these backpacks
as they go with us
as we learn and grow
Let them be a reminder
that You are as close to us
as the backpacks on our backs
always and forever.
AMEN

Praying for our Teachers and School Staff

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious God,

We pray teachers, school staff, and administrators in our schools.

Sustain them through this school year,

equip them with all the resources and tools that they need.

With Your Spirit, equip and energize them to serve.

Protect them and give them good health throughout the year.

Help us to support their call to teaching and learning

and surround them with love and care.

We pray for our schools and classrooms

that they may be safe places for children and youth to learn and grow.

We pray in the name of Jesus, who we seek to follow day by day. AMEN.

Prayers of People

Sarah Chambers

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.

Offering Song

Waymaker

Praise Band

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Gospel Reading

Luke 15:11-32

Allie Adams

Message

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*Closing Song

Prodigal

Praise Band

*Benediction

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Postlude

Prodigal (Reprise)

Praise Band