

August 21, 2022
 Worship Series: The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss
 Message: Oh, the Places You'll Go

Prelude *As the Deer* Grace Notes

Welcome/Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

*Call to Worship

Leader: As we go and make disciples. . .

People: oh, the places we'll go.

Leader: With God as our guide. . .

People: oh, the places we'll go.

Leader: As we love and serve. . .

People: oh, the places we'll go.

*Hymn *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* UMH 158

*Opening Prayer Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Leader: Let us pray.

**People: Gracious and Loving God,
 You call us on an amazing adventure with You.**

**Remind us that with each step we take,
 You are with us.**

Encourage us in faith.

Guide us along the path

Shape us as Your disciples,

and empower us to love and serve in Christ's name. AMEN.

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

Praying for our Teachers and School Staff

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.

Mission Moment Worship Support David Arnold & Jess Posey

Prayers of the 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.**

Offering	<i>Ave Verum Corpus/Mozart</i>	Susan Huffaker
*Doxology		UMH 95
*Prayer of Thanksgiving		
Gospel Reading	Matthew 28:16-20	Robert Miller
*Hymn	<i>Have Thine Own Way, Lord,</i>	UMH 382
Message	Oh, the Places You'll Go	Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
*Hymn	<i>Go Forth for God</i>	UMH 670
*Benediction		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Postlude	<i>Sun of My Soul</i>	June Shuffett