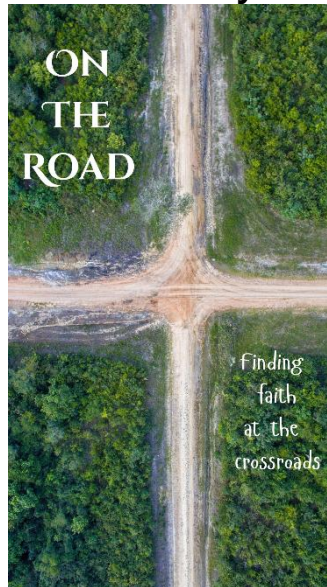


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Call to Worship [Psalm 138 - Lord, on the Day I Called For Help, You Answered Me - Francesca LaRosa \(Lyric Video\)](#)

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sins,
whose mercy endures forever. Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people,
turning us from our sin to live for you alone. **Give us the power of
your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your
forgiveness and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, who is the
Way, the Truth and the Life. Amen.**

Trusting in God's goodness, let us confess our sin in the presence of
God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God, our lives are to be marked by with the signs of
discipleship. You call us to encourage and invite yet we judge and
exclude. You call us to study, pray and worship yet we busy our

minds and lives with noise that distract us from hearing your still, small voice. You call us to give and serve yet we take and demand without counting the cost. Forgive us O Lord for our ways and teach us yours. Mark us once again with your grace and lead us on the road to new life in you for the sake of Jesus, our savior and Lord. Amen.

God meets us on the road of life and walks us into wholeness. Take heart, all your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Let us now worship with hearts pointed to the Truth North, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn

Here in this Place WOV 718

Here in this place new light is streaming, Now is the darkness vanished away

See in this space our fears and our dreamings,

Brought here to you in the light of this day

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, Gather us in, the blind and the lame

Call to us now and we shall awaken, We shall arise at the sound of our name

We are the young, our lives are a mystery, We are the old who yearn for your face. We have been sung throughout all of history

Called to be light to the whole human race

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, Gather us in, the proud and the strong

Give us a heart so meek and so lowly, Give us the courage to enter the song

Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining. Not in some heaven light
years away
Here in this place the new light is shining. Now is the kingdom, now
is the day
Gather us in and hold us forever. Gather us in and make us your
own
Gather us in, all peoples together. Fire of love in our flesh and our
bone.

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

God of the Journey, always you are leading us into fuller
faithfulness and deeper devotion. Guide us step by step as we walk
on the road of discipleship. We follow Jesus trusting the Spirit to
guide us in the ways you desire for us live and love. In Jesus' name
we pray. Amen.

Children's Message

Centering Song [There Was Jesus - Zach Williams & Dolly Parton -
Lyric Video](#)

Welcome the Word

Lord I will come and follow you when you but call my name.
Let me turn and walk with you and never be the same.
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-32

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called
Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each
other about all these things that had happened. While they were
talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with

them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”

Word of God. Word of Life. Thanks be to God!

Sermon

**Hymn of the Day I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light WOV
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I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is
Jesus

(Refrain)

In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both
alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord
Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path
And show me the way to the Father (refrain)

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of
Jesus. (refrain)

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession Merciful God, receive our prayer

Peace

Offering

Offertory Response

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

Offering Prayer

God of Abundance, on this road of life you continually provide for us our daily bread. In thanksgiving for your faithfulness we return to you this portion. Use it to bless your people and your world even as we prepare to be blessed at this holy table, by Jesus, the bread of life. It is in his name we pray. Amen.

Words of Consecration

Following Jesus' death and resurrection he took a long walk on a road with a couple of his first disciples. They did not recognize him, for they thought he was still dead. It was not until they gathered at a table and Jesus broke bread that their eyes were opened as they recalled gathering for a similar meal just days before with Jesus who took bread...bless O Lord these gifts of Christ's body and blood, let your Holy Spirit move over, in and through them so that as we receive them we might, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, recognize Jesus is with us, the who taught us to pray,

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Hymn

Communion Distribution

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

God of Grace, in the sharing of this sacred meal our hearts have been strangely warmed by Christ's presence. In this time of worship the scriptures have been opened to us. Send us now, fed and nourished, on the road of discipleship readied to be your people in your world in Jesus' name.

Announcements

Blessing

On the road of your faith life may you be encouraged in your discipleship by Jesus who meets you at the crossroads and guides your every step. Be blessed on your journey in the name of the Triune God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sending Hymn

Go to the World ACS 991

Go to the world. Go into all the earth. Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth, baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Go to the world. Go into every place. Go live the word of God's redeeming grace. Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Go to the world. Go struggle, bless, and pray; the nights of tears
give
way to joyous day. As servant church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Go to the world. Go as the ones I send, for I am with you till the age shall end, when all the hosts of glory cry, Amen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dismissal Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!