"Together on the Road" - Faithful Church, Faithfully on Mission
Video Message from Shawn, International Worker & FPCP Partner

Guide for Personal and Group Reflection

In May 2021, the Missions Committee introduced Rev. Shawn Harmon to the congregation as the first recipient of "Flip the Keys," a new mission fund for those who need an initial infusion of support to help activate their response to God's call. Shawn is in Rome serving among refugees and displaced peoples from Africa and Asia. Since arriving, Shawn has enthusiastically been working with the committee to form a mutuality of intent, recognizing that all believers are called into mission, and we enhance each other's ministry through connection, care and sharing perspectives.
This is the second in a series of videos Shawn agreed to prepare for us. In the first video, **"Sending & Going,"** Shawn invites us to consider how all of Scripture reveals variations on God's theme of mission: God is a sending God, and we are God's people, forgiven and saved for the purpose of loving and blessing the world. In this second video, **"Together on the Road,"** we are asked to reflect on who we are as a church, and how our desire to follow Jesus Christ forms how we show up in the world.

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Begin: When you think of the word "church," what comes to mind - either positive or negative? (an image, word or feeling)

Scripture References:
Three NT Images that reflect what it means to be a missionary church –

- Ambassadors for the Reign of God — 2 Corinthians 5:17-20
- Witnesses for what Jesus has done and is doing — Acts 1:6-8
- Servants of God and others — Philippians 2:5-11

Ponder, Pray, Consider Together as God's Missionary People:
[Questions from the end of the video]

- Servant, Witness, Ambassador – is there one of these that stands out for you? Connects? Resonates? Is there another image? What might that be for you?
- As a church, where might we need to change, sacrifice, or grow to live more as a church sent on mission? As individuals, where might we need to change, sacrifice, grow?

Challenge:
Sometime this week, arrange to pray with or have a conversation with one other person. Share where you see strengths and weaknesses, and where you desire to change and grow as Christ's ambassador, witness and servant. If you are meeting with another member of the church, talk about how the church is doing. Where is it strong? Weak? How is God's mission made visible in the church's ministry?