

Graduate Recognition and Blessing
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Litany of Blessing and Commissioning

Leader: We are gathered together to celebrate the journey and accomplishments of members of our community.

People: We give thanks to God for the gifts of your life and what you mean to the members of this church body.

Leader: One part of your life's journey is complete. You now prepare to begin another phase of that journey. As you prepare for your next steps, we hope that you remember the ones you leave behind, who have loved and supported you through the years.

People: You are a child of God. We thank God for the journey we have shared together so far, and we remember you and give you the blessings of prayer, love, and support as you journey into the world.

Leader: As you remember your life thus far – the hours and celebrations, mistakes and failures, heartache and loss, successes and achievements, love and support – use it all to help guide you on your path forward.

People: We pray that God will give you strength and determination to develop new relationships that will help to strengthen and sustain your faith.

Leader: Because we are made in the image of God we have been blessed with free will to make choices and decisions.

People: We pray that God will give you knowledge, wisdom, and discernment in your decisions. God hears, listens, and is always with you. Remember this promise.

Leader: Just as Jesus commissioned the disciples to go be God's witnesses in the world, so do we commission you to do the same through the way you live.

People: We send you forth with our love, prayers and support to live into God's mission for your life to grow in Christ's likeness.

Leader: Christ is the light of all people. Let him shine in you during tough times and always keep that light alive.

All: Let Christ's light always guide you and shine in and through you. Love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength and Love your neighbor as yourself. Amen.