

The title for the service was **The Sunset Road that turned to Dawn**. The sermon was based around the events on the Road to Emmaus and an exploration of how any of us can find ourselves like the pair on the road to Emmaus, travelling west toward a sunset, feeling hopeless, disillusioned and lost. Then Jesus comes and he turns us around. Dawn breaks and we like the pair in Emmaus have new hope are spiritually refreshed heading into a new day eyes opened, hearts warmed ready for service.

The Communion prepared to accompany that service and sermon was as follows:

Communion

Hymn

Mission Praise 633

Thank you Jesus, thank you Jesus
Thank you Lord for loving me.
Thank you Jesus ...

You went to Calvary,
 there You died for me
thank you Lord for loving me.
You went to Calvary ...

Invitation

Romans 8:1–2, 38– 39.

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 26 : 26 – 28

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you.²⁸

This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

The Bread and the wine

Prayer for the BREAD (person on right)

In the one who was broken for you –
Who wants to bind up your wounds
And send you on your way,
RESTORED,
RENEWED –

Find healing and wholeness.

Prayer for the WINE (person on left)

In the one whose blood was spilled for you –
Who yearns to help you start again
And send you on your way,
REMADE,
REDEEMED –
Find mercy and love.

Final 2 verses

You rose up from the grave,
To me new life You gave
Thank you Lord for loving me.
You rose up from the grave ...

You're coming back again
And we with You shall reign
Thank you Lord for loving me.
You're coming back again ...

Benediction

We have eaten bread
And drunk wine,
But the meal is not over,
For Jesus offers us bread of life,
Living water,
Food for our souls,
A cup running over with new wine.
Celebrate his gift,
Rejoice in his love,
And live each day to the full
Until that time when we will feast with him
In his Father's kingdom
And taste the blessings yet in store,
For all eternity.

AMEN