



2021 FaithX Commissioning Resources

Step Out: Seeking New Paths

Isiah 43:19 (CEB)

“Look! I’m doing a new thing;
now it sprouts up;
don’t you recognize it?
I’m making a way in the desert,
paths in the wilderness.”

Litany

Leader: You have heard God’s quiet voice calling you towards service.

Congregation: By trusting God’s guidance, you will continue to take new steps in your faith.

Participants: We want to accept God’s call and step out onto new paths.

Leader: God calls out to you.

Congregation: By grounding yourself in God’s word, you will continue to take new steps in your faith.

Participants: We are searching for the Spirit as we share our lives and serve together.

Leader: God provided Jesus as a role model for your lives.

Congregation: By following the example of Christ, you will continue to take new steps in your faith.

Participants: We are eager to respond to obstacles with the compassion and peace that Christ has shown us.

Leader: God is planning meaningful moments that foster spiritual connection.

Congregation: By actively creating these moments with your community and those you serve, you will continue to take new steps in your faith.

Participants: We endeavor to seek out God in worship and fellowship.

Leader: God wants you to create vibrant community as you open yourselves up to those around you and strengthen friendships.

Congregation: By following the call in Isaiah 43 to recognize new opportunities, you will continue to take new steps in your faith.

Participants: We will welcome those we meet so that we may come together and model God's grace.

Leader: God provided a world full of wonder for you to seek out and discover.

Congregation: By stepping out of your comfort zones and discovering joy, you will continue to take new steps in your faith.

Participants: We look forward to connecting to our world in new ways and seeking new paths.

Leader: Go out and be courageous with your lives. Go out with the excitement of undiscovered opportunities and with an eagerness to serve.

Congregation: By sending you out to continue to take new steps in your faith, we anticipate you returning and seeing your growth.

Participants: We are thankful for your love and support, as we step out with ready hands and open hearts.

Prayer of Sending

God, we thank you for these youth and advisors (*or young adults*) and their desire to serve. You have brought us together to find our new ways forward. We are called to step out and seek new paths. As we find our unique paths, we will look back on the lessons we have learned from each other and from you. God, be with each one of them as they do your work in (*insert name of FaithX*). We ask that you keep them safe and allow their hearts to grow as they work with people from all walks of life. Please be with our congregation as we support these youth and advisors (*or young adults*) as they depart with courage into the wilderness, seeking new paths. Amen.

Suggested Hymns

This is a day of new beginnings #640

You shall go out with joy #427