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Tell us a little about yourself and how you serve.

After having taught Special Education for many years, God and my students taught me that everyone is created in the image of God, precious, honored, and loved. Once this sunk in, I remembered God calling me into ordained ministry a decade before. Since then, God called me into all sorts of places to make God's love real to people who might not know they are precious, honored, and loved.

Now, I am blessed to serve God at Beth Eden Lutheran Church, a beautiful, small, rural church in Louisville, Mississippi. An F-4 tornado tore through the town right before I moved there, so disaster response has always been an integral part of our ministry. From responding to the ICE raids to offering Can Do Kids Camps, serving on our Synod Disaster Ministry Team has taught me much about making God's love real to people, too.

My partner, Bob Fuller, and our three daughters, Evelyn, our 12 year old artist scientist, Caroline, our 11 year old singing mechanical engineer, and Clara, our 11 year old veterinarianian fashionista, make our home a wild and wonderful place to center life.

What is your favorite Bible verse and why?

Isaiah 43:1-7. See above 😊 and for the daily reminders, "Do not fear," "God has redeemed us," and "God is with us."

Where have you seen God recently?

"Quarantation," as our girls call it, has hunkered down in our family home in the woods. It has been a gift to watch the seasons come and go. Learning to trust the natural rhythms we were created to be a part of has been transformative and healing.

When/how have you been blessed by God's abundance?

I am blessed daily by God's abundance. Putting my faith in Jehovah Jirah, "God who provides", never fails to produce enough to see us through.