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Tell us a little about yourself and how you serve.

I am a second career pastor and I serve as co-pastor at Lutheran Church of the Ascension in Savannah, Georgia. Established in 1741, we are one of the oldest, continuously operating Lutheran churches in the ELCA. I serve with my husband, Todd Cutter. I consider Bible and Bible study to be my passion. In the churches I have served, the best results I have seen come from a strong organization that is able to articulate its purpose and vision for the future. Too often, we overlook giving the time and energy to a well-developed organizational structure, which is the best springboard for expanding mission and ministry.

What is your favorite Bible verse and why?

When I'm asked this at wedding receptions I always say Jonah, although truthfully, it seems that the right scripture is always there when I need it the most, making a list too long to name. Jonah is a favorite because it is a great example of historic interpretation of one of the earliest creeds using satire. It has one of the most relatable main characters and is just a good story about how God continues to come to us and interact with creation.

Where have you seen God recently?

It's been a tough season with the pandemic and it seems at times God's presence is far off. Where God has been available lately is through other clergy that can relate to this difficult chapter where so much of our professional ministry feels like shifting sand. I have said for years that God would use the internet to grow the church – I just didn't think it would happen with a pandemic!

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

My parents' love and support throughout the years have been the greatest source of God's abundance.