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Tell us a little about yourself and how you serve

I am a native Atlantan and one of 13. I was the 2nd of all the siblings to get a Masters Degree. I started out as a parapro in an elementary school teaching special needs children. I always wanted to be a flight attendant so worked with ValuJet until they went out of business and then worked for Delta out of NYC and my first flight of work was to Switzerland. While caring for my mother who was diagnosed with cancer I was called to work in Hospice Care and have done that, not for the money but for the ability to care for people who are experiencing all the challenges dying. I was ordained in December of 2020 to serve Celebration of Grace Lutheran Church in Canton and am having so much fun doing so!

What is your favorite Bible Verse and why?

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” I love it because we were unlovable, in a tug of war with grace and God has a choice but every day chooses to extend grace to us and loves us in spite of ourselves.

Where have you seen God recently?

I finished Seminary a while ago and waited for a call for a long time. In the middle of this pandemic, I was asked to serve as a Synod Authorized Minister for Celebration of Grace in Canton, GA and they called me to be their Pastor. Only God could bring that about!!!

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

The hospice company I work for refused to lay anyone off during the pandemic so I have had work (thanks to the owner of the company). God has put so many people in my life who are teaching me how to be a Pastor. That is such a blessing and God never fails to go over the top in God's gifts!