

Christ follower. Sojourner offering refuge to other sojourners. Husband, father, friend.

I grew up in the Adirondacks in New York State and have lived in Montana, Colorado, Massachusetts and now Pennsylvania. I love to experience new places and cultures. My wife, Rachael, and I worked with a mission organization and we had amazing opportunities to visit many countries and share life with people in their place.

Prior to moving to Lititz, I graduated from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary with a M.A. in Theology and a M.A. in Old Testament. My family and I were active in ministry in our church in Massachusetts where we led and facilitated Bible studies, adult education, and small groups, participated in outreach initiatives, and I served as a pastoral ministry intern for a summer.

As I reflect upon my ministry, I think of the words of St. Augustine, “Our heart is restless until it rests in you.” I believe this expresses the deeply spiritual and physical longing that we all have to find our true home. The home that Revelation 21 tells us about where the dwelling place of God is with his people, in a radically transformed reality. The home in which we fully know the Word who came to make us whole. Until that day, we remain sojourners.

This sojourn takes us through deep dark valleys and foggy forests where it seems we have lost our way, only to find ourselves emerging onto sun filled meadows with mountain top vistas. For some of us, we have felt lonely, outcast, buffeted by the storms of life. However, we take refuge in the reality that we are beloved children of God, nourished by Christ at his table, and strengthened and led by the Holy Spirit as we navigate our way home. We take refuge in the community of the beloved. We walk with each other on this journey, looking to the author and finisher of our faith, our Good Shepherd who leads us to green pastures and waters of rest. We bear witness to the beauty of the gospel as we regularly proclaim, “Christ has died. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again.” We bear witness to his redemptive and lifegiving work by counting others as more significant than ourselves as we care for those whom we encounter along the way.

To that end, my family and I desire to be a refuge to the broken, the weary, and fellow sojourners as we follow Jesus and reflect his message of hope, forgiveness, restoration, wholeness and rest.

We have 3 amazing children and a Bernedoodle named Dietrich. We love traveling, good food, coffee, music, movies, books and conversation and holding space for others. We would love the opportunity to get to know you!

Favorite Coffee: Square One, Passengers, Little Wolf

Favorite Food: Cabalar, Chellas, Horse Inn

Favorite TV Shows: The Office, Parks and Recreation, This Old House

Favorite Music: Led Zeppelin, Andrew Peterson, Taylor Leonhardt, Gregory Alan Isakov, Noah Kahan, Jesse Welles (varies from season to season and year to year:)

Favorite Bookshop and Authors: Nooks in Lanc city; Wendell Berry, James Rebanks, J.R.R. Tolkien, Cormac McCarthy

Favorite Movies: The Secret Life of Walter Mitty, Interstellar, What About Bob?, The Lord of the Rings, The Hobbit

Favorite Places: Western Scotland, New England, Pacific Northwest