

Greetings!

Thank you to everyone who stopped by to welcome me during my visit to Madras. I am looking forward to meeting the rest of you very soon. It is a privilege to be joining you in ministry, and I am excited by what God is doing in your midst. Your heart for service is inspiring!



By way of introduction, I'm a life-long United Methodist who discerned a call to ministry after years of lay ministry in various congregations. Earlier, I worked as a landscape architect before staying home with our three children for many years. I'm currently a Provisional Elder in the OR-ID Conference.

My family includes my husband, Jim, and our three children. Jim is an electrical engineer who recently accepted a job in Hood River after more than 18 months of commuting to Colorado. Yes, the timing is a bit ironic, but his job allows him to work remotely on Fridays so he'll be in Madras half the week and Hood River half the week. Our oldest son, Erik, studies mechanical engineering at Colorado School of Mines and has a summer internship in Denver. Jack, our middle child, recently graduated from high school and plans to attend the University of Oregon in the fall. Kate, our youngest, will be a high school sophomore and enjoys volleyball and track. Our goofy golden doodle Theo rounds out our crew.

One of my favorite scripture passages is from Romans 8:15: "This resurrection life you received from God is not a timid, grave-tending life. It is adventurously expectant..." (The Message). You sound like a wonderfully creative and Spirit-inspired congregation. I'm grateful to you and to Rev. Nancy for figuring out how to worship and serve the community during COVID as you embrace this "resurrection life." Looking forward to joining you soon!

In peace,

Pastor Gigi