



A Message from Rev. Emily Brewer

Interim Pastor

Grace and peace to you, LAPC.

I am so grateful for the opportunity to journey with you in this interim period.

I have known of LAPC for about a decade, when I first came to a service led by *Not So Churchy* when it was meeting in your fellowship hall. Since then, I have had the opportunity to get to know you all a bit better – preaching and worshipping with you on various occasions, marching with some of you in Washington as part of the Poor People’s Campaign, and renting office space at LAPC in 2021-2022 when I was Director of the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship.

Each of my interactions with LAPC has affirmed my initial impressions of this congregation as an open-hearted, warm, and socially engaged congregation, and it’s truly an honor to get to serve as your interim pastor for the coming months until you have an installed pastor.

I know you all have been in some kind of transition for some time now. There are many church leaders who now say that all ministry is transitional ministry at this stage of the Church’s life. That might be true, but as a clearly-defined transitional pastor for you all, and I hope that together in this time of transition we can continue the work you are doing to discern and embrace the changes to which God may be calling LAPC even as we sustain a solid foundation of congregational care, meaningful worship, and community engagement.

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**We will get to know each other better
over the coming months, but here are a few things about me,
in no particular order:**

I love good coffee and walks in Brooklyn. I have a three year old child named Bernie and a spouse, Eric; my family is multi-faith (Jewish and Christian) and they are excited to meet you. I have been involved in various movements for justice and liberation and find a lot of spirituality and empowerment in nonviolent public action.

I defy millennial stereotypes in that I love phone calls, so please never hesitate to give me a call, or send me an email if you prefer, especially if you're in need of pastoral care for something going on in your life, however large or small.

I am so looking forward to getting to know you better and see where God leads us together. And please, feel free to call me Emily if it's comfortable for you.

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