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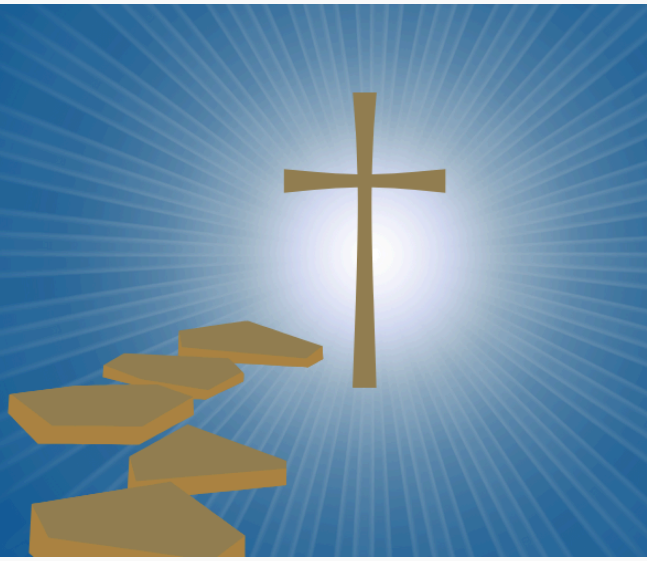

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By Katie Husman

Our family has been blessed, and we believe those blessings call us to give back so that others may also experience God's abundant grace. As Scripture reminds us, "Give, and it will be given unto you" (Luke 6:38). That simple truth is at the heart of why giving to Episcopal Church of the Ascension matters.

When Aaron and I were searching for a spiritual home, it soon became clear that we did not simply choose this church—God called us here. At the time, I had just moved into a condo off of Royal & 75. We were looking for a place where we could begin building our life together with God at the center. That is when we discovered the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, whose Rector at the time was named Kathryn—my name as well—and who, like me, was from New Mexico. We know in our hearts that His hand was guiding us, and through this church, we have been richly blessed in countless ways.

Through this church, we received marriage counseling, which deepened our relationship and prepared us for life together. Later, we baptized our children here, and they grew up learning about Christ in children's chapel, youth groups, and now in service as acolytes. Our daughter has even taken what she learned here and begun leading Bible studies at her school. This church has truly shaped our family's spiritual life.

Question for Reflection

How do I understand God to be calling me to serve and share with Ascension this year?

But all of these blessings—the counseling, the baptisms, the children's chapel, the youth programs, and the opportunities to grow in faith—require support. They exist because faithful people have given before us, and they will continue only if we also give. As Paul reminds us, "God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything you may share abundantly in every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:8). When we give, we are not just covering costs; we are ensuring that others will find God's presence and provision in this church, just as we have.

There is also power in committing. Studies show that when we write our goals down, we are 80% more likely to achieve them. The same is true with stewardship. By turning in a written pledge, we not only hold ourselves accountable but also enable this church to budget responsibly and plan faithfully. My husband, who serves as treasurer, deeply appreciates the clarity this provides. And beyond numbers, these commitments sustain the ministries that bless lives within these walls and reach far into the community.

The Episcopal Church of the Ascension has been the heart of our marriage and family. It has been the place where God's blessings have multiplied in our lives, and we feel called to ensure others experience that same grace. We give because we are grateful, and because we know that through our gifts, God continues to work abundantly in this church.

Katie Husman grew up in New Mexico, where she was raised in the Catholic Church. She attended the University of New Mexico before moving to Texas, where she met her husband, Aaron. Together, they discovered the Episcopal Church of Ascension, where they were married by Mother Kai 17 years ago. Their two children, Emma (13) and Daniel (9) were also baptized here.

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