

Rev. Phil Snider has been the senior minister at Brentwood Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Springfield, MO since 2003. Born and raised in the heart of the Ozarks, he's a graduate of Missouri State University (BS), Phillips Theological Seminary (MDiv) and Chicago Theological Seminary (DMin). Phil's books on church leadership include two volumes published by Chalice Press, *The Hyphenateds* (2013) and *Preaching as Resistance* (2018). Over the years he's taught at Missouri State University, Drury University and Phillips Theological Seminary, as well as serving in numerous capacities in the region, most recently as a member of the regional Board of Directors. Part of his calling as a minister includes helping congregations draw on the richness of their valued traditions within the shifting context of these times, so they might be faithful and innovative in following where the Spirit leads in both ancient and new ways. He hopes to help churches in the region further live into the shared calling of being a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world, especially by placing a premium on the kind of authenticity and integrity that deepens Christian discipleship and invites others to experience the wonder of Christ's transformative love. Phil's wife, Amanda, is a teacher in Springfield Public Schools. They're the proud parents of three children and one grandson, plus their dog, Leo, and cats, Mia and Ava.