



Hello Grace Community Church,

My name is Sam Gyorf and I am thrilled to meet you all. I am proud to be a husband to Jenna, a father to our son Berg, and a father to our daughter (name T.B.D.) who is due in early June. Jenna is from Wheaton, Illinois and I am from Redwood City, California. We met on the Wheaton College swim team and were married a few years after graduation. We currently live in Zurich, Switzerland where I am serving as a pastor at an international English speaking church. In this next season, we are looking forward to moving back to the USA to raise our family and to be closer to family. We are excited to see what God has planned for us. We love to hike, run, swim, ski, and do anything outdoors and active, but also can spend an entire afternoon, or more realistically Berg's nap time, reading. A little more about me personally; my favorite books are *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*, my favorite movie is *The Magnificent Seven* (the original), I like golf but am not good at it, cheeseburgers are my favorite food, I love playing trains with my son, and I am pretty sure Bigfoot exists.

From a ministry perspective, I feel called to be a pastor because I love the Christian Church and it has become my home. Ever since I became a believer as a teenager, the church has been a home for me no matter where I was geographically or otherwise. I want all people who walk into the doors of a church to know they are loved and can feel at home. One of my favorite quotes is from author Jean Vanier, "To love someone is to show to them their beauty, their worth and their importance." My story and the story of my family is one of restoration, forgiveness, and new life in Jesus through this kind of love. It is because of this love I have found that I enjoy working together with people to build up individuals and families to a place of bold faith that grows from generation to generation. My hope as a pastor is to walk alongside people and families inside and outside of the church to help them see their beauty, worth, and importance in the eyes of our heavenly father. It is a joy to meet you all and I look forward to seeing what God will do in the future."

Sincerely,
Pastor Sam Gyorf

