



Introducing...

*Reverend Amy Yoon
and her family*

The Reverend Amy Yoon was born in South Korea and immigrated to Honolulu, Hawaii with her family when she was young. She is very grateful to have experienced the rich multi-ethnic traditions of Hawaii while she lived there and to have learned the true meaning of *ohana* (family) in Christ as she grew up in Christ United Methodist Church. After graduating from the University of Hawaii, she began to explore the call to ministry. She entered the graduate program at the Claremont School of Theology as an ordination candidate and, after graduating with a Masters of Divinity, became a full elder in the United Methodist Church. She has many years of experience in ministry to various age groups (children, youth, and young adults) and as pastor-in-charge in local church settings. She also worked as a chaplain for the pediatric oncology unit at Loma Linda University Medical Center Children's Hospital (Loma Linda, CA). Most recently she served as leading pastor at La Verne United Methodist Church (La Verne, CA).

She has a wonderful husband, Richard Amesbury, who is Associate Professor of Ethics at the Claremont School of Theology, and an amazing daughter, Clare Yoon Amesbury (almost three years old), who seems to have boundless energy and an incredible ability to absorb life. Because Rich was granted a year of sabbatical and research leave, the whole family decided to take an adventure on the road this past year. After spending five months in Princeton, New Jersey, they are currently living in Zürich, Switzerland, and looking forward to returning to Southern California in the beginning of June. After many months of snow and rain and consuming large amounts of cheese and chocolate, they miss the warm and sunny beaches of California, burgers from In-and-Out (especially Clare) and Hawaiian BBQ lunch plates. They are looking forward to being a part of the faith family of Westchester United Methodist Church!