

## A Message from Katie Stark:

I have sensed the call to ordination for nearly two decades and it took me five years to complete the ordination process once I finally started. I am grateful to all of you who encouraged my gifts along the way and reminded me of my call.

Thank you to the Hamblen community for allowing me to explore my gifts while on staff and for providing significant financial support for my seminary education. Thank you to family and friends who supported me the last five years with encouragement, prayers, childcare, and even housing and delicious dinners in Portland. Thank you especially to my family – Brad, Colin, and Maggie. It is because of their support and sacrifices the last five years that I was able to complete this ordination process and pursue the call God has given me.