

The **Rev. Daniel Ross Morrow** is a native of Sand Springs, Oklahoma, who returns home to the Sooner State after serving as Rector of the Church of the Ascension in Munich, Germany, an international, multicultural Episcopal parish drawing worshippers from more than 40 countries. Father Dan arrived at the Church of the Ascension in 2021 during a period of significant institutional conflict and challenge. Under his leadership, Sunday attendance has nearly tripled, the pledge base has doubled, and a Sunday School program dormant for nearly a decade is now vibrant and growing — all accomplished, as Father Dan would say, by keeping the focus firmly on the good work God is already doing in the midst of the community.

Before his call to Munich, Father Dan served as Canon to the Ordinary in the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, the bishop's senior pastoral representative responsible for congregational development and revitalization, clergy care, transition ministry, conflict mediation, and the opening and closing of missions across the diocese. He also served as Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Oregon City, Oregon, where the parish doubled in average Sunday attendance, dramatically grew its pledge base, and launched meaningful community ministries including a weekly meal program and a backpack food program for low-income students.

Throughout his ministry, Father Dan has shown a particular gift for and devotion to children, youth, and young families. He has built children's and youth programs from scratch at multiple congregations and has a long history of helping young people and young families find not just a place to worship, but a true spiritual home. His approach to parish leadership is collaborative and lay-empowering, rooted in the conviction that the role of a rector is to notice and celebrate the gifts God has already placed in the people of a congregation.

Father Dan holds a Master of Divinity from Claremont School of Theology and is completing a Doctor of Ministry in Congregational Development at Bexley Seabury Episcopal Theological Seminary. He is also an accomplished musician, playing guitar, mandolin, bass, and drums, and is an avid hiker who has walked portions of the Appalachian Trail, the Pacific Crest Trail, and pilgrimage routes in Italy and Ireland. He and his wife Teresa, a Clinical Laboratory Scientist, will be relocating to Tulsa with their dog Melba and cat Miles, and they are eager to call Trinity home.

