

Rev. Cassie Sexton – Riggs
Rev. Michael Riggs

Together, Cassie and Michael bring a powerful blend of pastoral wisdom, artistic expression, and spiritual leadership, rooted in a deep commitment to transformation—within individuals, communities, and the Church.

Rev. Cassie Sexton-Riggs is an ordained minister currently serving as an Associate Regional Minister in Michigan, and Illinois & Wisconsin. She is passionate about healing, reconciliation, and spiritual renewal. Her leadership has been instrumental in reshaping church governance, fostering financial transparency, and nurturing inclusive community life. A certified facilitator in Transformative Community Conferencing and a leader in anti-racism initiatives, Cassie brings authenticity, joy, and courage to her ministry. Her presence is a gift to any gathering: deeply grounded, joyfully expressive, and unafraid to go deep. Her recent contributions to *Fellowship of Prayer* (Chalice Press), *Rest & Resilience* (Chalice Press), and *A Journey with Hope* (FCC Quincy) Lenten devotionals reflect her gift for guiding others through seasons of reflection and growth. She is the kind of leader who walks with people through discernment and transformation, embodying the truth that God meets us where we are—but never leaves us there. She is also an upcoming contributor to the 2026 *Just Women* Bible study, based around the theme of flourishing.

Rev. Michael Riggs is an ordained minister currently serving the First Christian Church in Springfield, Illinois as their Senior Minister. His career spans over twenty years of pastoral leadership in churches across Texas, Oklahoma, and Missouri as well as the Director of Chapel at Brite Divinity School at TCU where he was twice recognized as a Granville Walker Scholar for outstanding preaching. Having earned advanced degrees in both music and divinity studies, Michael brings a unique depth and creativity to spiritual life that enables people to find their voice of faith. He has worked extensively with congregations through missional transformation and vision casting, connecting their gifts and passions with the needs of their surrounding communities. As an Anti-Racism Pro-Reconciliation trainer and a certified Transformative Community Conferencing facilitator, he has guided communities through tough conversations around God's justice and the Church's mission, diving deep into the Bible and rediscovering their gospel vocation. Michael is especially skilled at creating worship experiences that are both theologically rich and emotionally resonant. He is attuned to how beauty, silence, lament, and joy can open hearts and minds to divine transformation. Whether shepherding churches through transition, shaping liturgies that heal and empower, making music that stirs the soul, or preaching and teaching the good news, Michael invites people into sacred encounters that awaken and restore.

Michael and Cassie model ministries of transformation—shaped by love, rooted in justice, and guided by the Spirit. Whether walking alongside congregants, leading worship, or speaking truth with love in hard places, they seek to embody radical hospitality and grace that is at the heart of the gospel—with just a little bit of humor and holy mischief.

Together, they enjoy hiking, cooking, collecting vinyl records, and spoiling their two beloved rescue cats, Dewey and Domino.