## **Louise Wu**

I grew up in the Episcopal Church. As a child, I remember going to Church of the Redeemer Episcopal Church, in Athens, GA from the age of 10. I was confirmed there at age 12.

In college I attended the Episcopal student center at the University of Georgia. It was here that I married Arthur Wu on Sept. 7, 1974.

After college, I did not attend church for over ten years. After our son, Brendan, was born I started to think about going back to Church. At this time, we lived in Chesterfield County, south of Richmond, VA. I found a Church, whose name I do not remember, and got Brendan baptized. I went to that church for 1 year before moving to Morristown, NJ.

While in Morristown, I thought hard about the type of Church I wanted to attend. I went to a few in the area. I finally became a member of the Church of the Redeemer in Morristown.

Redeemer was different in that it used inclusive language – God was neither male or female, God was both loving and forgiving. Over half the congregation was LGBTQ. God was more of a New Testament God of the Gospels. At Redeemer, I was a soup kitchen co -captain, Chalice server, usher, coffee hour host, and on the vestry. I was very active.

Since moving to Steamboat Springs in 2006, I have been a member of St. Paul's. I have been on the vestry, been a Chalice server, usher, part of the Genesis II team, and now, I schedule the Hospitality Team.