

Rev Joseph Yoo

Episcopal Priest, Writer



Bible Study Leader

Rev Joseph Yoo's story begins in Korea, where he was born in 1980, before immigrating to the United States as a young child. Growing up in a family deeply rooted in ministry (his father and other relatives were pastors) Rev Joseph felt the weight of expectations early on. Yet, his path to the pulpit was anything but straightforward. For years, he resisted the idea of following in his family's footsteps, wrestling with identity and purpose.

After earning a degree in psychology from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Rev Joseph pursued a Master of Divinity at Wesley Theological Seminary. Even then, his faith journey was marked by questions and doubts. He served in various roles within the United Methodist Church before finding his spiritual home in the Episcopal tradition, where he was ordained in 2021.

Today, Rev Joseph serves Mosaic Episcopal Church in Pearland, Texas, a community that reflects his deepest convictions: that church should be a safe, inclusive space for everyone. Mosaic is affirming, welcoming skeptics, seekers, lifelong believers, and those who have been hurt or excluded by traditional religious structures. Joseph's ministry is built on the belief that belonging comes before believing, and that every person, whether confident in their faith or struggling with doubt, deserves a place at the table.

Rev Joseph's core message centers on faith deconstruction. This is the courageous act of dismantling inherited beliefs to uncover a faith rooted in love, justice, and authenticity. He speaks openly about the loneliness and fear that often accompany this journey, reminding people that doubt is not the enemy of faith but a doorway to deeper understanding. For Joseph, deconstruction is not about abandoning faith; it's about refining it so it reflects the grace of Jesus.

As an author (*When the Saints Go Flying In*), blogger, and speaker, Joseph uses humor, honesty, and vulnerability to connect with all believers, from those deeply rooted in tradition, to those questioning everything. His ministry is a testament to the belief that the church can be a place where questions are welcomed, wounds are healed, and hope is rekindled for everyone.

