

## Rev. Dr. MARK McILRAITH

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### *Brief Bio:*

The Rev. Dr. Mark McIlraith has been serving in ministry and the academy for over 20 years in California, New York City, New Jersey, Colorado, and Washington. His experience includes keynote speaking, teaching at the university level, mission planting, staff leadership, conference directing, grant writing, and publishing. Mark is a graduate of Whitworth College after which he co-founded Westminster House, an inner-city ministry in Spokane. For this work, he received the *Washington State Campus Compact Leadership Award*, and the *City Government of Spokane Outstanding Citizen Award*.

Mark responded to God's call to ordained ministry and graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary in 2001 where he received the *Kenyon J. Wildrick Award for Excellence in Homiletics*. He spent his first years of ordained ministry at the First Presbyterian Church of Colorado Springs as an associate pastor. In 2004, he moved to Spokane with his wife and children, and joined Whitworth Community Presbyterian Church as the Pastor of Families, Youth, and Children. While there, he earned a Ph.D. in homiletical leadership through Gonzaga University.

In August of 2014, Mark and his family moved to Southern California as the Senior Pastor and Head of Staff at Moorpark Presbyterian Church. Now, at this moment in their lives, Mark and his family are thrilled to follow God's calling to join Lake Grove Presbyterian Church as its next Senior Pastor and Head of Staff.

Not only does Mark enjoy leading congregations and staffs, he has been invited to use his scholarship and preaching experience to present his research throughout the region on transformational preaching, encouraging pastors to better proclaim the gospel of Christ. In his free time, Mark enjoys playing with his three kids and spending time with his wife, Paige.