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If anyone had told me three years ago that I'd be standing up here today extolling the virtues of a church, I'd have asked them what kind of incense they were smoking.

But here I am.

My moment of truth came when I attended the Resonate service one Sunday evening.

At the time, I was facing some significant health issues. I was physically, mentally and emotionally exhausted. I knew I was looking for some help—some inspiration—but I wasn't sure where it would come from.

During the service, I went up to the prayer station. I lit a candle and sat near the high altar. While the soulful music played, I observed the light through the stained glass windows. Suddenly, tears sprang to my eyes. The longer I sat, the more my feelings intensified. In a moment of clarity, and for the first time in a long time, I heard God talking to me. And I knew, in that instant, that everything was going to be okay.

When my husband, Bryant, came to pick me up, he could tell immediately that something had happened. "This was amazing," I told him. "You've got to come back with me."

Ever the skeptic, Bryant was weary of going to "church". After a few conversations, Bryant said: "Okay, let's give it a try."

Based on our checkered religious pasts, the two of us faced a huge barrier on our path back to God. Finding a route we could take together presented an even more challenge. But we came back, hand in hand, and took our first steps toward exploring this amazing community. And in the years since, that experience has only grown and intensified.

Resonate was our point of entry, but what we've found at Christ Church is a haven for our family. From the children's choir to the kitchen crew, from Catechumenate class to external events with the Welcome Committee, we've been able to combine heartfelt worship with both spiritual awakening and service to the parish.

Because we have received so many blessings here, we feel fortunate that we are able to give back to the church with our time, efforts and resources. We look forward to being members of this church community far into the future. We hope you'll be with us.