

# HOPEFUL FRONTLINE PLAYBOOK SPEAKER BIO

## Rev. Mark Chavez “Blessed with Hope”

Rev. Mark Chavez is passionate about proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He was a commissioned officer in the US Air Force from 1976-1983. While in the Air Force, he met his wife, Jocelyn. They married in 1980 and were blessed with six children. He resigned his commission in 1983 to attend Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. He was ordained on All Saints Day in 1987. He served two congregations in Maryland and Pennsylvania for 12 years, served as director of Lutheran renewing and confessing movements for 11 years, and served as General Secretary of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC) for 10 years. He has served as Pastor at Reformation Lutheran Church in Lancaster, Pennsylvania since May 2021. Pastor Chavez is no stranger to the pain of death and to the hope we have in Jesus. His youngest son, Kevin, was killed in 2013. Jocelyn was diagnosed in 2012 with a rare, progressive neurological condition. She fell asleep peacefully in Jesus in March 2017. Mark has 12 grandchildren, and being their grandpa is one of his most important and joyful vocations. He enjoys alpine skiing, golf, and tending to his vegetable garden.