Musician for Community Church of Mill Valley

August 1, 2021: The Community Church of Mill Valley (UCC) is seeking a Musician for our worship services. We are a progressive, open and affirming church, welcoming all regardless of age, race, marital status, sexual orientation, special needs or economic status. Our long history has been marked by a particular emphasis on social justice issues.

The candidate for the Musician position will have some basic understanding of traditional church music, but also be willing to explore new possibilities of how music can connect to our spiritualty. They should have a breadth of knowledge in a variety of musical genres, and be interested in expanding our horizons, given the role different experiences of music can make in a worship context. They should also enjoy a more informal worshiping atmosphere, and be willing to work with a congregation that is both willing to learn and may have limited musical background and ability. We are looking for someone who has a creative and inventive vision of what music in a spiritual context could look like, not just what it has looked like. And we can offer them the freedom, working with the others who have responsibility for worship, to create something new.

The church worships at 10 a.m. on Sunday morning. In addition, there may be special services a few times a year (funerals, weddings, Ash Wednesday, Christmas Eve, etc).

Job Summary Responsibilities

- Plan with the pastor, and help execute, music for each Sunday morning that holds the service together from beginning to end in a vital and enjoyable way. Usually that means two or three hymns, plus instrumental music for anthem and postlude.
- Play piano (and hopefully, organ) and other instruments in their expertise, to accompany the congregation during worship.
- Work with members and special musicians so that they can maximize their contributions to worship.
- Be sensitive to the flow of the service and the practices of the congregation, helping everyone feel positive about their own participation in worship, and allowing an increased sense of spirit in the worship service. This should lead to music that helps us evolve with vision, energy and diversity.
- Be open to the feedback from the congregation on music in worship, and work with the Christian Life team on how best to respond to that feedback.
- Coordinate maintenance, tuning, and repair for piano and organ.
- Recruit substitute musicians to cover time off.

Salary This is a part time position. Payment is $215 per week.

The musician position will be contracted for an initial six month period, hopefully followed by agreement to a permanent position. Position begins October 2021.

Send resume, recording links (if available), and contact information to:
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