

## **Job Title: Director of Music, Part-time**

Scottsdale Congregational United Church of Christ is a progressive church which draws its worship music from many different traditions, and which seeks to convey worship themes in non-traditional ways. We are Open and Affirming, believing that all are made in God's image regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental ability, nationality, or economic class. (See more at [www.artinworship.com](http://www.artinworship.com) )

At SCUCC over the past decade we have experienced uplifting, spiritually energizing music provided by professional and very talented amateur musicians in both traditional and non-traditional genres. We seek the same now: music that makes us feel, that connects us to each other, that causes us to want to sing or move, that pushes us to act or react. We want a variety of music, both traditional and modern. We want to be affected by our music.

### **Responsibilities:**

1. Oversee the musical aspects of Sunday morning worship:
  - a. Communicate regularly with worship planners (attending worship planning meetings as necessary) to determine the music needs of the service: genre, style, presentation.
  - b. Choose music and hire musicians (within budget) to meet above needs, using knowledge of congregational and community resources (instruments, individual musicians and groups). Ensure that music selections with lyrics use inclusive language or are edited to be inclusive. Procure multiple copies of chosen music for choir and/or bells, observing copyright restrictions.
  - c. Coordinate with tech team in order to have needed equipment.
  - d. Schedule Sanctuary Choir and Jubilate Bell Choir - as they are ready - into services.
  - e. As appropriate, coordinate Choir with Jubilate Bell Choir performance (bell choir currently led by volunteer)
  - f. Provide for a song leader (or BE the song leader - see skills below) to be the vocal lead for music that the congregation will sing.
  - g. Attend the Sunday morning service and coordinate/participate in the musical aspects as appropriate.
2. Direct the Sanctuary and Handbell Choirs:
  - a. Select and purchase music appropriate to group abilities.
  - b. Recruit members, with the help of current members.
  - c. Direct weekly rehearsals.
  - d. Plan performances in conjunction with worship music plans.
  - e. Coordinate and work with volunteers willing to assume leadership roles.
  - f. Arrange for an accompanist for the sanctuary choir for Sundays when they perform.
3. Manage music budget
4. Maintain records: performance calendar, history, music library

## **Skills and Character:**

1. Be an experienced musician.
  - a. We are particularly looking for combinations of:
    - 1) Choir director
    - 2) Song leader -- strong singing voice in variety of styles/genres
    - 3) Pianist (but not simultaneously leading songs or directing choir)
    - 4) Skill with one or more other instruments (ideal but not required)
  - b. Have experience and talent in several musical genres such as: jazz, classical, soul, rhythm and blues, gospel, rock and roll
  - c. Understand the requirements for congregational singing: (key, melody, best vocal range)
  - d. Have the ability to sight-read and improvise
  - e. One or more of these abilities is a plus:
    - 1) composing, arranging
    - 2) bell choir director experience
2. Use creativity and insight in choosing music and the musicians for any service.
  - a. Have knowledge of a variety of music, both liturgical and non-liturgical
  - b. Be willing to vary music selections in order to honor valued traditions and current culture
  - c. Be willing to broaden knowledge in less familiar music genres
  - d. Able to give importance to spirituality even if scheduling music that may not seem "churchy"
3. Communication and problem-solving skills are needed to liaison between the worship planners, musicians and tech team, and to work with both amateurs and professionals.
4. Organizational skills are needed to keep track of music, musicians, schedules and a budget.
5. Possess a fun-loving spirit and sense of humor, and be flexible.
6. Be professional and have a desire for excellence at all times.

**Salary:** \$14,000 for 40/hours per month

## **Inquiries:**

Submit Resume (to include names and contact information for three references) to:

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(Inclusion of recordings, links, and/or websites is encouraged.)

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