

**ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF
CHRIST**
Music Director Job Description

Position:

Music Director for Alki United Church of Christ

Role:

To create and sustain a vibrant, dynamic music program that creates an emotional connection and promotes the spiritual life of our congregation through the ministry of music. The Music Director will collaborate with the Pastor to reinforce church service themes through the selection of music from a wide variety of genres. Skills for this role include choir direction and accompaniment. The ideal candidate will encourage a diversity of musical expression that is consistent with the mission and theology of the United Church of Christ.

About Us:

We are a living, breathing, growing, welcoming, progressive Christian community right in the heart of Seattle's Alki beach neighborhood. We believe that faith is a journey, not a destination, and we are blessed to share the journey with each other. We are 90-somethings and 20-somethings, toddlers and infants, and a lot of us somewhere in between. We are single, married and partnered; introverted and extroverted; LGBTQ+, cis, hetero and non-binary. All are welcome here! We don't believe Christianity is the only way, but it's the way we've been called to follow, and we are trying to live it with as much integrity and joy as we can. We are a church where Jesus the healer meets Jesus the revolutionary, and where together, we grow a just and peaceful world.

Alki UCC is embarking on a "future story" to expand our connection with other faith communities by finding ways to share our space and experiences. We envision the music program as an essential element of this transformation through community offerings and outreach.

Responsibilities:

I. Planning and Coordinating

- Work with the Pastor to choose music appropriate to the liturgical season and worship focus with the goal of integrating theme and mood.
- Plan the music and be available for additional worship services in keeping with the liturgical calendar, such as Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Christmas Eve.
- Participate in monthly Worship and Music Team meetings.
- Manage the music budget and maintain choir music library.

II. Worship Services

- Accompany and/or supervise the work of the Accompanist and other musicians.
- Rehearse with choir and guest musicians.
- Oversee set up of musical components in sanctuary for all worship services, ensuring materials and equipment are available as needed.

III. Experience/Knowledge/Skills/Abilities:

- Previous experience directing a choir or have church background to be knowledgeable in music selection.
- Able to play one or more instruments (e.g., guitar).
- Ability to lead a variety of music styles.

Time Commitment/Compensation:

- The time commitment will average 10 hours per week, with the understanding that the actual hours worked will depend on the season.
- This is a salaried, part-time position that does not provide benefits.
- \$17,000-\$22,000 depending on experience and the negotiated final set of responsibilities.

How to Apply:

- Please send your cover letter and resume' to: Music Director Search Committee at office@alkiucc.org
- Our Search committee will begin reviewing applications starting July 10th, 2023.
- The start date is negotiable. The position is currently open.