Part-Time Church Music Director – Carlsbad, CA

20 hrs/week - $35,000-$40,000

Job Description

We are seeking a creative and collaborative Music Director to lead and grow our music ministry in a progressive Christian congregation. This role works closely with the pastor and worship team to create meaningful, inclusive worship through a variety of musical styles.

About Our Church

Pilgrim United Church of Christ (UCC) in Carlsbad, CA, is a progressive, inclusive Christian community committed to welcoming all people. As part of the United Church of Christ, we value thoughtful faith, social justice, and creative expression in worship. Music plays an important role in our community life, and we seek to build a program that is engaging, diverse, and participatory.

Responsibilities

- Plan and lead music for weekly worship services and special events
- Collaborate with the pastor and worship team on service design
- Select music reflecting progressive theology and diverse traditions
- Lead congregational singing
- Recruit, support, and coach volunteer musicians and singers
- Develop and direct a member choir or vocal ensemble (as interest allows)
- Coordinate rehearsals and manage music resources
- and serve as pianist/accompanist

Qualifications

- Experience in a church music leadership or similar role preferred
- Experience leading congregational singing

- Familiarity with a range of music styles (traditional hymns, contemporary, and popular music)
- Strong collaboration, communication, and organizational skills
- Ability to work with and encourage musicians of all skill levels
- Alignment with progressive/inclusive Christian values
- Proficiency in piano preferred

Details

- Location: Carlsbad, CA
- Part-time: ~20 hours/week (includes Sundays and rehearsals)
- Compensation: Commensurate with experience

To Apply

Submit a resume and a brief statement describing your approach to music ministry as it would relate to progressive Christianity.