

**Berkeley Methodist United Church  
Choir Director/Worship Leader**

**Position Opening**

This position supports the church music program, specifically the Adult Choir, Sunday and other worship services. This is an approximately 8-10-hour per week position. Pay will be commensurate with experience and qualifications.

**Key Responsibilities**

1. To facilitate the Adult Choir and Worship team:
  - a. Recruit members
  - b. Plan music selections in consultation with Pastor
  - c. Lead rehearsals and otherwise prepare Choir and Worship Team
  - d. Participate in committee work: Worship Committee; Worship Planning Committee; Outreach Committee, and occasional other committees as needed.
2. There is a potential for a youth music program; development of this program will be in consultation with the Pastor and volunteers.

**Required Skills**

1. Formal education (college level) in music/choir conducting.
2. Minimum one year's experience in church-related setting (as performer or leader).
3. Ability to conduct and perform in a wide range of styles including Christian classics (hymns), African American/gospel, and various types of contemporary music. We seek someone who is committed to a blended/convergence worship style that is creative, visionary, flexible and diverse.
4. Ability to lead worship and to train others as individual and team worship leaders.
5. Advanced quality keyboard (preferred)
6. Experience with technical aspects of contemporary services: for example, sound boards, projection, etc.—a plus.

**Key Expectations**

1. Christian faith, and ability to share her or his personal faith and encourage others, especially in the context of worship/music.
2. Active support of the mission, vision and goals the congregation has set for itself and how these goals may be integrated into the music program.
3. Spiritual gifts in the areas of mentoring, community building and developing leadership and gifts in others.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

A. Adult Choir

The usual rehearsal time is Wednesday evenings, and the performance schedule is usually twice per month. During Lent, Easter, Advent and Christmas, the Choir is involved in additional seasonal services. The Choir performs a (45 minute-1 hour) concert in early fall. There can be extended choir rehearsals/day retreats as needed. Our choir likes to be challenged!

B. Sunday Morning Worship

At present singers rotate on the worship team, 2-3 singers per Sunday. There is also potential to include instrumentalists in the worship team on a regular basis. Currently, the worship team rehearses on Sunday morning.

C. Committee Work

The Worship Planning Committee meets every 4 to 6 weeks to outline all worship services, including the use of themes, Scripture, music, and visual imagery. The Worship Committee meets monthly to discuss the general aspects of worship, schedule special services and perform an ongoing evaluation of the worship experience. Our congregation is in the process of expanding our outreach efforts, particularly in the area of music, so participation on the Outreach Committee is very important.

D. This position requires approximately 10-12 hours per week on average, more during holidays or preparation for special performances.

Please submit letter of application and resume by March 15, 2016 to:

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