

Ridge United Methodist Church Contemporary Worship/Music Leader

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Ridge UMC is looking for a contemporary worship/music leader for our 10:30 am Sunday service. We have a traditional service that meets at 9:00 am in our sanctuary with a choir and a focus on traditional hymns, but have launched a second contemporary service in our fellowship hall in a more informal setting with an emphasis on praise songs and a conversational message. We have a small dedicated volunteer praise team but they need a leader!

Time Requirements: This is a part-time position (estimated at no more than 10 hours/week). It would include one weekly rehearsal with the praise team and the one-hour worship service on Sunday morning. The remainder of the estimated time would be selecting and sharing music, preparing for the rehearsal time, and working with our IT person to make sure the music slides are correct.

Compensation: Annual salary (to be discussed or you are welcome to contact us for details).

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Plan and lead the weekly contemporary worship service.
- Select and arrange music for the service (we have CCLI, CVLI, and streaming licenses).
- Coordinate and lead a weekly rehearsal with the praise team members.
- Collaborate with the pastor to integrate the music selected with the sermon series theme (this could be done by email or phone).
- Begin the service with a welcome and opening prayer; facilitate congregational singing and participation.
- Oversee and mentor volunteer musicians and singers.
- Maintain the musical instruments, sound equipment, etc.
- Focus on inviting persons into a meaningful worship experience, rather than a performance-based “concert-like” atmosphere.

- Lead worship in a way that aligns with the church's vision and theology. Don't make posts on social media that would reflect negatively on the church, on God, and on faith. No profanity when representing the church or on church property.

Qualifications/Skills:

- Prior experience playing with and leading a praise team or band is strongly preferred.
- Proficiency in playing the keyboard and/or guitar is required.
- Strong vocal abilities.
- Knowledge of praise/contemporary music for song selections.
- Ability to read music.
- Strong organizational and planning skills.
- Experience with sound and multimedia equipment.
- Professed Christian faith and previous active involvement in a church.
- A passion for worship and a desire to communicate that passion with others.
- Strong communication skills, flexibility to adapt to different worship styles, and the ability to create a welcoming and inclusive worship environment.
- Ability to work with volunteer singers and musicians.

Ridge UMC is a welcoming congregation with a desire to share with others the love and grace of Jesus Christ. The traditional service is more "established," while the contemporary service is newer and seeking growth and its own identity. We hope for the opportunity to grow this service and enhance the position over time. Ridge has a limited music budget which can pay for certain expenses (such as music, copying expenses, tuning of instruments, etc.).

Our music leaders, traditional and contemporary, are encouraged to communicate regularly and openly with the pastor and the chair of the Staff-Parish Committee. We believe that music is a vital part of worship and should assist us in "making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world" (the mission statement of The United Methodist Church).