



Congregational Church of san mateo

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Job Position: Organist/Pianist

Position Overview:

The primary responsibility of the Organist/Pianist is to play the organ and piano at/or Sunday Worship services, Wednesday evening choir rehearsals, and at special services and events as requested throughout the year.

Job Responsibilities:

- **Instrumental Requirements**
 - **Provide organ and piano music** in a professional manner for all worship services and all seasonal and special services.
 - **Collaboration:** Work with Music Director to ensure organ/piano accompaniment complements the singing and/or other special music and guest musicians.
- **Music Selection and Planning**
 - Choosing appropriate music: The organist selects music that complements the liturgy, readings, and sermon theme for each service, and sets the tone for worship. This often involves collaborating with the senior minister and music director.
 - Planning and preparing music in advance, considering the length, and overall flow of the service.
- **Other Responsibilities:**
 - Maintaining the organ: The organist is responsible for reporting any maintenance issues with the organ and working with the Director of Operations to ensure it's in good working order.
 - Rehearse with and accompany the choir, bell choir, Joyful Noise, soloists, and other groups as needed. Additional rehearsal time may be required outside of Wednesday evening and Sunday morning for special services (Advent, Holy Week, Easter, etc.).

Working Conditions:

- Reports to the Director of Music
 - Works collaboratively with the Senior Minister and Director of Music to coordinate worship music planning and accompaniment.
- The Organist has 1st right of refusal to play and get paid for music at weddings & memorials.
- The Organist has paid teaching privileges on the church's organ and piano and will schedule sanctuary time for teaching with the Director of the Operations.
- CCSM is home to a [40-rank Casavant pipe organ](#) and a well-maintained 7 1/2-foot Yamaha grand piano.

Qualifications:

- **Strong organ playing skills:** Proficiency in sight-reading, technique, improvisation, and various musical styles is essential.
- **Knowledge of church music:** Understanding different hymnals, liturgy, and appropriate music for worship services is important.
- **Collaboration and communication:** They effectively collaborate with clergy, music and/or choir directors, and other musicians and volunteers.
- **Adaptability:** Adjust playing style to different service formats and musical selections.

Compensation:

- \$150 per rehearsal
- \$250 per worship service (including special services)

About CCSM:

CCSM and the United Church of Christ are known for their progressive and inclusive approach to faith, emphasizing social justice, equity, and community engagement. The Organist/Pianist will be expected to embrace and promote these values in their work.

Note:

This job description is subject to change based on the needs of the congregation and the vision of the church's leadership.