



Position Title: **Music Minister**

Employer:

The Gorham Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

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Job Summary:

The Gorham Congregational Church, UCC, in Gorham, New Hampshire is a congregation of the New Hampshire United Church of Christ with about 100 members. Our congregation is a vital, inclusive, and compassionate community who come from a variety of faith backgrounds. We deeply appreciate the gifts of our musicians, ministers, and staff. We have done a music concert series and hope to continue that in the future.

Our sanctuary houses an 1882 Hook and Hastings Tracker organ, restored to its original condition in 1995, as well as a Steinert Grand Piano. Music is an integral part of the worship experience and our church has a fine and long tradition of music that incorporates a mix of genres.

The Music Minister serves as the principal musician of the church and provides leadership, management and coordination of the music ministry program in coordination with the minister.

Accountability:

The Music Minister is employed by the church and works under the supervision of the Pastor and the Music Committee.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Sunday services and all additional services during the liturgical year. Traditional Sunday service is at 10 a.m. Special services throughout the year to include but not limited to Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, and Maundy Thursday.
- Select, prepare and play prelude, postlude, communion music. Service consists of three hymns (selected by the pastor/music director) and occasional choral music (selected by the Director of Music) for the introit, offertory anthem, and benediction response.
- Serve as a performance and rehearsal accompanist for all soloists (vocal or instrumental) as needed for services.
- Arrange for substitutes, when necessary, assisted by the Music Committee.
- Purchase music within budget and keep the copy and recording licenses up to date.
- Oversee tuning and maintenance of the organ and piano within the structure of the budget.
- Submit necessary information for bulletins in a timely fashion as required by the Secretary.
- Provide proper notice to the Minister and Secretary if unable to be at a scheduled practice, service or event.
- Communicate schedules, music selections, dates of special performances to the Music Committee, Choir, Pastor, Secretary.

- The Music Minister should assist in providing a suitable substitute from a list of replacements developed by the Pastor and Music Committee.
- Attend relevant Music Committee meetings as scheduled and meet with other church groups as needed.
- Schedule summer music in coordination with the Music Committee.
- Use of facilities for private teaching may be scheduled but should not conflict with church duties or scheduled building uses.
- The Organist/Pianist shall give 60 days advanced notice to terminate employment.

Qualifications:

- Keyboard ability to play hymns, songs, and anthem accompaniments. Ability to sight-read and improvise is desired.
- Training and experience in piano.
- Training and experience in organ preferred, but will consider piano only.
- Knowledge of music theory and ability to perform simple transpositions or harmonizations.
- Ability and sensitivity to work with volunteers, musicians, and choir in a humble, respectful, and pastoral manner.
- Experience with choir direction preferred.
- Desire to be part of our church community.

Salary and Terms:

- Organist salary will be negotiable based on education and experience, beginning at \$100/service.
- Additional compensation is provided for participation in church-related weddings and funerals. The Music Minister has right to first refusal.

AAP/EEO Statement:

It is the policy of The Gorham Congregational Church, UCC, not to discriminate against any applicant for employment, or any employee because of age, color, sex, disability, national origin, race, religion, or veteran status.