

**Worship Leader: Job Description and Responsibilities**  
**Archwood UCC, 2800 Archwood Avenue, Cleveland Ohio 44109**

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Archwood UCC is a 200-year-old congregation on the near west side of Cleveland in need of a worship leader to plan and lead Sunday morning worship services, on average up to 2x/month.

**Profile of the Congregation**

The congregation is a small, but active, group of mostly mature adults. We continually explore where God is leading us so we consider all ideas for change. We seek to serve our community in the ways that God and the Spirit lead, and consider mission work and outreach to be central to our more liberal Christian beliefs.

Worship: We want Sunday worship to reflect our needs and values, including our study and appreciation of progressive theology as reflected in the works of Marcus Borg, John Shelby Spong, the *Living the Questions* DVD series and others. We are open to new styles of worship, and though our order of worship trends toward a more traditional one, we are relaxed and intimate in style. We value thoughtful worship content and sermons. We encourage congregational interaction and personal testimony as part of the worship service.

Study and Education: In the past we have read books together. We seek understand racial, economic, ecological and political issues that impact our community.

Mission: Use our resources, congregational and individual, to serve the community. AUCC provides a bi-monthly produce market and free lunch so neighbors have regular choices of low-cost produce, a healthful meal and a place to gather and talk. AUCC gifted its church building to the Julia De Burgos Cultural Arts Center, which supports the Hispanic Diaspora that is a vibrant part of our community. We seek to collaborate with faith partners where our missions align, as in support of Denison Avenue United Church of Christ's hot meal program. As a congregation we support individual members' particular interest in: the homeless through support of the North East Ohio Coalition of the Homeless (NEOCH.org); voting rights; LGBTQ+ rights; Black Lives Matter; the Palestinian cause; worker issues; and literacy tutoring.. These missions evolve, and our worship nurtures and sustains us to be awake to opportunities. Our faith practices are dynamic and not "just" for Sundays!

**Duties of A Worship Leader:**

- Plan and provide a worship service on assigned Sundays
- Choose music and collaborate with our musicians.
- Prepare and email written worship order (bulletin) in advance.
- Be welcomed to join with us to explore new or expanding worship ways.

**Authorization:** The ideal candidate is an authorized minister within the United Church of Christ (or able to become authorized) who can lead communion.

**Hours:** Worship is from 11 - noon Sundays. We ask Worship Leaders to arrive at least 15 minutes before service. Comfort with Zoom is a plus, as we host a hybrid zoom-in person format. **You may find past services at our website, for examples of form and content, at [archwooducc.org](http://archwooducc.org).**

**Compensation:**

\$300 per service.

Candidates please email a resume to [archwoodoffice@gmail.com](mailto:archwoodoffice@gmail.com).