

Job title	<i>Organist/Accompanist (*Could be combined with Dir. Of Music Ministry)</i>
Reports to	<i>Director of Music Ministry (supervisor) & Pastor (head of staff)</i>

About Us

Trinity United Church of Christ is an Open & Affirming (ONA) congregation within the United Church of Christ, located in Wadsworth, Ohio. We celebrate and extend the love of God as shown to us in the life of Jesus Christ. We welcome all who seek to be the body of Christ through the mission, worship, and fellowship of Trinity Church.

Job purpose

The Organist is expected to support each scheduled worship service through careful preparation and offering of music selections on the organ and piano to enhance the worship experience. The Organist accompanies the Trinity Choir on a weekly basis during its season and is on time and well-prepared for all choir rehearsals. The Organist rehearses with and accompanies vocalists, instrumentalists, and small groups who are scheduled with the approval of the Director of Music to offer music during worship services throughout the year.

Duties and responsibilities

- Prepare and perform organ voluntaries for weekly worship and seasonal services (including, but not limited to Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, & Christmas Eve)
- The Organist is expected to have and continue to build a repertoire of appropriate musical selections for prelude/postlude, offertory, responses, communion, and other additions to worship appropriate for the church calendar.
- Prepare and perform Trinity Choir accompaniments for weekly rehearsals, worship services and seasonal concerts. Rehearse with and accompany vocalists, instrumentalists, and small groups as scheduled for weekly worship and seasonal services throughout the year by the Director of Music Ministry.
- Provide organ music for weddings and funerals held at the church when the organ is the primary instrument used. Fees for weddings and funerals are paid by the families at an amount approved by church policy. The Organist has right of first refusal. The use of the organ by an outside organist for weddings and funerals may be permitted with approval of the Organist, Director of Music and/or the Pastor.
- Should an absence from any of the above services or rehearsals be necessary, the Organist shall work with the Director of Music to secure an appropriate substitute. Unless the absence is an emergency, a minimum of two weeks' notice is required to secure a substitute.
- Be on time for all scheduled rehearsals and services.
- Submit musical information to the church office in time for printing in the service bulletins.
- Choose and purchase organ music within the approved budgetary parameters.
- Notify the Director of Music of any maintenance or repairs needed for the organ.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent training in either Organ Performance or Music Education having the organ as a principal instrument choice (students working toward these qualifications are encouraged to apply)
- Some knowledge of pipe organ parts and how they work.
- Advanced training in piano.
- Previous experience is preferred

Knowledge, skills, and abilities desired

- Capable of playing piano accompaniment for adults and children's choirs
- Able to work well with all individuals and demonstrate a compassionate and caring attitude
- Able to develop effective working relationships with all church members and staff; work as a team member
- Knowledgeable and understanding of basic music theory

Other requirements of the position

- Integrity and trustworthiness as pertaining to possession of keys and use of the church facility
- Completion of satisfactory background check

Hours of work

- This position requires an average of four hours of rehearsal and worship times per week in addition to the practice time as needed to meet expectations.
- Sunday morning worship and Thursday evening rehearsals are required.

Salary

- Salary and vacation are negotiable, consistent with the candidate's education, experience, and skill level.
- \$11-13,000

Application

- Please submit resume and cover letter to trinity@ucctrinity.com
Or: Trinity UCC Search Committee
215 High Street
Wadsworth, Ohio 44281