

Part-Time Organist

The Union Church of Hinsdale (UCC) seeks an accomplished organist/accompanist who has had experience working with staff, musicians and the congregation within a traditional worship setting to support our traditional worship service as well as special and seasonal services and events such as Thanksgiving Eve, Christmas Eve, and Maundy Thursday. The organist should desire to take an active role as a leader in worship. The candidate should have a comprehensive understanding of organ literature and be familiar with various styles of music appropriate for a worship service in the reformed tradition.

The candidate should demonstrate competency in playing Austin EP, 45 ranks, 3 manuals (1962) and Ott tracker, 17 ranks (1994) organs, both of which are in excellent condition, and piano. The candidate should provide strong leadership for congregational singing, including creative skills to augment hymn playing. The candidate should demonstrate excellence in accompanying choral, solo and ensemble musicians, and will be expected to accompany weekly rehearsals as well as work collaboratively with the pastoral and music staff. The candidate should have strong collaborative skills, a cooperative spirit, and a passion for nurturing musicians of all skills levels and ages.

The worship style at our traditional service, as well as the music, is traditional in a broad sense. It includes voices, organ, and piano as well as occasional additional instrumentalists.

The theology is reformed and progressive in line with the United Church of Christ. We are a welcoming congregation that uses texts that include all of God's children as well as respecting the long traditions of the church.

B.M or M.M. in organ performance, Music, Church music or equivalent; experience in traditional worship preferred
Time estimate: 8-10 hours per week
Position available August 21, 2011

Interested persons should submit a letter of interest and CV to the attention of the Chair of the Music Ministry, Kearney Kilens, c/o The Union Church of Hinsdale, Third and Garfield, Hinsdale, IL 60521; musicministry@uchinsdale.org. Phone inquires may be directed to 630-325-5627.