

# Serve as a UUSS Worship Associate

Lay leadership is an important part of worship at UUSS

**The Worship Associate's** role is both an honor and a responsibility.

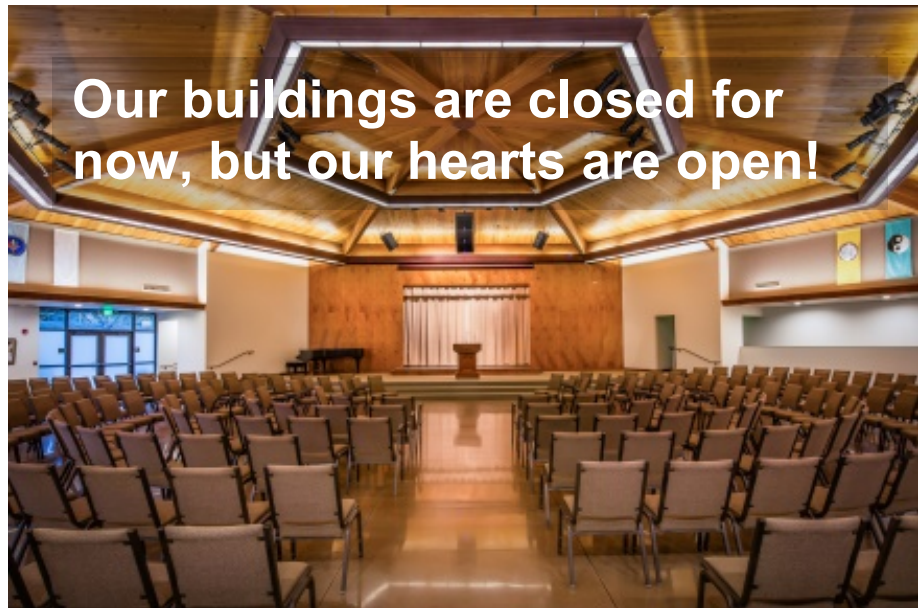
**The goal** is to gather a team that serves, represents, and extends the diversity of our congregation in our services.

**Our purpose** is to support our ministers in producing strong worship experiences and provide visibility as lay leaders with whom members and visitors can identify.

Many UUSS members have served as Worship Associates

## The Path

1. Review the details of the duties and qualifications.
2. Assess your own level of interest, skills / abilities, and desire to rise to this personal enrichment opportunity.
3. Read the Application instructions and consider if you are ready to:
  - Write a letter of interest
  - Author a Reflection and submit as a writing sample
  - "Audition" your writing and presentation skills for a small group of friendly Worship Associates
4. Make contact with one of the co-chairs. Ask questions.
5. Submit your Application. A co-chair will reach out to you to schedule the next step.



## The Duties

**Presentation is** the most visible part of the Worship Associate's role, supporting our ministers in presenting worship services.

**You might** participate in a service by presenting the Welcome & Announcements, writing and giving a Personal Reflection, presenting a selected reading, leading or assisting with the Chalice Lighting, the offering, or other rituals.

Many find the experience brings unexpected opportunity for deepening and personal growth

**Behind the scenes** work typically includes developing slides for services, coming early for setup, and collaboration with ministers, musicians, tech staff, greeters.

## Qualifications

- Strong verbal & written communication skills
- Able to work cooperatively in a small group
- Capable of learning how to build PowerPoint slide presentations
- Available to schedule and participate in one or more Sunday morning / Tuesday Eve services per month
- Able to learn how to use Zoom virtual meeting basics
- Attend our team meeting 6-8pm the first Thursday of each month
- Ready to make a two-year commitment to serve as a Worship Associate

## QUESTIONS?

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# Worship Associate

## Application / Expression of Interest

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

## Thanks for your interest

PREPARE, ATTACH, AND SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING

### 1. Letter of Interest

Please tell us why you are interested in serving UUSS as a Worship Associate. Consider the duties on the previous page. Share experiences you have had with: public speaking, writing, exercises in personal self-reflection, and participation as part of a team.

### 2. Write a Reflection

Submit a Personal Reflection as writing sample. The subject may be one of your choice, or drawn from a recent sermon topic.

- Able to be recited in about 3 to 5 minutes
- Length about 400 words

Guide for Reflection writing:

- Draw from your personal experience (preaching is the minister's role)
- Tap into and express what you felt at the time
- Share your feelings as this experience unfolded with adequate detail – balanced by respect for your privacy
- Consider whether your Reflection identifies what you learned from this experience
- Can you demonstrate if and/or how you were changed by the experience you had

### 3. Submit all items described above, including this page to both:

- Jed Shapiro at [jed.b.shapiro@gmail.com](mailto:jed.b.shapiro@gmail.com)
- Celia Buckley at [celia.randuckley@gmail.com](mailto:celia.randuckley@gmail.com)

### What to Expect

- Within a few days you'll get email confirmation that your application has been received
- After review, one of the co-chairs will reach out to you

### Questions?

Contact **Frances Myers**

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