

**First Church Berkeley UCC, Berkeley, CA**

**Acting Associate Pastor**

**Term: August 2020-September 2021**

**32 hours/week, with benefits, salary commensurate with experience**

**First Church Berkeley** (United Church of Christ) is seeking an **Acting Associate Minister**. Join a dynamic, thriving, progressive Christian church focused on social justice and living out the gospel of Jesus.

The **Acting Associate Pastor** will serve as an energetic generalist on our innovative, collaborative ministry team, playing an active role in the worship and program life of the church, and covering a wide variety of functions during the program year from August 2020-September 2021. This unique year-long opportunity will allow for sustained relationships and empowered leadership within a vibrant congregation and dedicated staff. The position will provide a consistent pastoral presence to bridge a period that includes two planned pastoral leaves of the Senior Minister and the Associate Minister.

The ideal candidate would be highly competent, collaborative, mature, flexible, creative and self-starting, with a deep faith and an open spirit. Come help us grow and live more fully into our congregational vision during a moment in time ripe for social change and spiritual deepening. What a year it's been already: a pandemic, an upcoming national election, a major church rebuilding project, and who knows what else the Spirit may bring us!

**This position reports to the** Senior Minister. The position will work collaboratively with the Associate Minister, Congregational Care Program Manager, and Business Manager, and will directly manage the following positions:

August - December: Communications Specialist, Open Chapel Coordinator

May - August: Music Director, Director of Family Ministry

**Responsibilities include:**

- Preaching up to twice a month
- Worship support: Sunday mornings and alternative worship services (Open Chapel, Taize, emerging worship)
- Pastoral Care, shared with both the Senior and Associate Minister
- Young Adult Ministry support
- Administration
- Teaching
- Small Groups

- Provide staff support to the Ministries of Adult Education and Worship & Spiritual Life (fall), Justice & Service and Stewardship, Finance & Administration (summer), or as assigned.
- Community engagement
- Digital spiritual formation
- Staff supervision
- Communications and social media
- Other duties as assigned

Required Qualifications:

- M.Div, Ordained (or approved for ordination pending call)
- Work experience: 5+ years experience leading worship and providing pastoral care highly preferred.
- Strong digital ministry experience and online worship expertise preferred.

Website: <https://www.firstchurchberkeley.org>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/FirstChurchBerkeley/>

Vision Statement: <https://www.firstchurchberkeley.org/vision/>

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