



The Worship Associate Experience

Being a Worship Associate started with listening to the “yes” from within. The training, workshops, and personal coaching continued the message of saying yes. Yes to the enrichment of writing and speaking skills; yes to feeling deeply and learning to share; yes to planning and delivering worship services; and yes to improvising and supporting when the unexpected occurred. All was held with a lightness of learning and embracing “imperfection” to create the authentic beauty of being honest, even vulnerable, within a congregation that warmly appreciates the effort. The result is a transcendental voyage, witnessed by those who both guide and validate the journey.

—Jaki Leiva Conklin

**Worship Associate
Applications are completed
using the online form:**

<http://uudavis.org/worship-associate-application/>

Applications are due April 25, 2021

You will receive a note acknowledging your application. That communication will also tell you the date when you can expect to hear the outcome of your application and how you will be notified.

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*Our mission is to welcome each and all,
cultivating the spirit,
serving others in our quest for justice.*



Worship Associates

**A program for those who
experience Worship as their
Spiritual Path**



Unitarian Universalist Church of Davis

*Good worship is allowing
the imprisoned spirit to escape.*

—Robert Browning

Responsibilities

There are 7 or 8 positions in our Worship Associate program, giving each person an opportunity to present at approximately one service every two months. There are one and two-year commitments available. If an Associate wishes to continue beyond two years, usually they're asked to wait and reapply after one year has passed. Allowing others to experience this unique relationship with the congregation is a strength of the program.

The Worship Associate is part of a larger team and each Associate works with support. Approximately one month prior to the Associate's chosen Sunday, the Worship Associate and Minister discuss the direction and message of the service.

In September, we'll continue to worship on-line, and we intend to transition to some version of in-person worship mid-year. The timing for the transition and our worship style can't be predicted! Whether the services are on-line or in-person, the Associate will have an important role in worship. During the second year, an Associate may be responsible for cooperatively creating an entire service for a guest speaker, or giving the main message.



Who Is Considered?

- ◆ Those who are representative of the **diversity** of this congregation.
- ◆ Those who **work well as a team** because everything about worship is teamwork.
- ◆ Those who are excited about engaging in ongoing **reflection and dialogue**.
- ◆ Those who are interested in **learning the dynamics of worship**.
- ◆ Those who see worship as their **spiritual practice**.
- ◆ Those who want to practice seeing **life through the lens of Unitarian Universalism**.

To Whom Are Associates Accountable?

The Associates are most directly accountable to Senior Minister, Rev. Elizabeth Banks. Ultimately, they are accountable to the membership of the congregation.

The congregation is invited to direct comments concerning services to the Associates or to the Senior Minister. We are interested in learning through dialogue.

Mandatory Training Sessions

Training is worshipful, educational, interactive, and reflective, with opportunities to write and share our work in a supportive environment.

During our sessions, we have worked with seminary faculty, writing coaches, voice instructors, published poets, dance leaders and improv facilitators.

Throughout the year Associates continue to gain skill and insight as worship leaders.

2021-22 Training Sessions:

Saturday, August 28, 10am – 3pm

Sunday, August 29, Worship Service!

Saturday, November 6, 1 - 2:30pm

Saturday, March 5, 1 - 2:30pm

Saturday, June 4, 9 - 11:30am

