Job Description
Children’s Music Director
First United Church of Oak Park
Part-Time/ 14 hours per month mid-August through mid-May

Primary Function
The Children’s Music director will encourage the spiritual formation of children through music. This person will acquaint children with the musical aspects of worship and prepare them for full participation in worship services.

Specific Duties
- Attend occasional teacher meetings and breakfasts
- From the Sunday after Labor Day to the Sunday before Memorial Day, teach from 9:30am-10:45am. Each church school class (Age 3-6th Grade) will rotate to the music room for 15 minutes. These 15- minute sessions should include
  - General music instruction that encourages a love of music, healthy singing, and familiarizes children with the music used in worship.
  - Preparing children for worship leadership at least twice per year (once in December and once in May)
- Select music that is developmentally and theologically appropriate. Select music that is in keeping with worship and church school themes
- Lead additional opportunities agreed upon by the music and pastoral staff for children to participate in church music, such as children’s choirs and/or other ensembles
- The position requires an average of 14 hours per month to include preparation, teaching, services, and appropriate meetings for approximately 9 months, late August through mid-May

Qualities and Capacities Needed
- Demonstrated experience and training in music education with elementary school aged children
- Proficient piano skills (no accompanist provided during 15- minute Sunday morning sessions)
- Sensitivity to worship and liturgy, creativity and care in teaching and worship leadership
- Understanding and respect for the faith, affirmations, and traditions of First United Church of Oak Park, as well as a willingness to instill that faith in the children you teach
- Ability to communicate effectively with people of all ages
- Standard background check and boundary training will be required upon offer

Relationships
- The Children’s Music Director will report to the Associate Pastor of Education. An in-depth evaluation will be held at three months, and annually thereafter.
- The Children’s Music Director will work closely with the Director of Music and the Organist to coordinate children’s musical participation in worship.

Compensation
Salary is $4,536 per year. This figure is calculated by multiplying the approximate 126 hours of work per year by $36 per hour.

To Apply: send resume and cover letter to Associate Pastor Lydia Mulkey at lmulkey@firstunitedchurchofoakpark.com.
About First United Church of Oak Park

Our Mission:

We are an open Christian community, united in love and justice.

Our Vision:

We are moving from:

- Words to witness in our relationship with God.
- Individualism to intimate fellowship in our relationship with other members of the church community.
- Charity to changing structures of injustice in our relationship with the world.

Our Values:

- Spiritual exploration: Nurtured by the grace of God, and caring for one another, we are on a faith journey together.
- Faith formation: We challenge and strengthen our Christian faith formation through biblical teachings and spirited discussions.
- Inclusion: We value differences and respect all experiences as we lift the power of many voices and ideas.
- Social justice: Empowered by the grace of God and following the example of Jesus Christ, we speak our truths and beliefs as we challenge and change social and cultural structures that perpetuate unfair and unjust impact.
- Community: We build a faith community where congregation members work together and support each other toward common goals.
- Celebration: With a generosity of spirit, we rejoice in our love of God, our community, and one another.

We include people of all races, nationalities, gender identities, sexual orientations and disabilities in all aspects of our congregational life.