

**LAKERIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
LAKERIDGE PRAISE WORSHIP LEADER  
JOB DESCRIPTION**

**Our Mission: Connecting generations with Jesus to impact our world**

**Our Vision: Cultivating World Changers**

The Worship Leader for LakeRidge Praise will work with the Director of Music and Worship, LakeRidge Praise Worship Host and Creative Director, pastors, Technical Director, and worship teams to minister through music and other arts in the local church, community, and beyond. The Worship Leader will report directly to the Director of Music and Worship. LakeRidge Praise has a unique worship style that is an exciting blend of contemporary worship. The objective of the music and worship teams is to meet the needs of our congregation through impactful, thematic, prayerful, and directional worship. We believe in being sensitive to the unchurched by providing varied styles of music and a space in which they feel comfortable.

**Overview of the Music and Worship Ministries**

The Music Ministry Program includes a total of eight worship ensembles: sanctuary choir, Exaltation Ringers, sanctuary orchestra, sanctuary praise team, LakeRidge Praise (LRP), scholarship singers, youth worship team, and Vertical Praise (children's choir). The full Music and Worship leadership team consists of one LRP worship leader, one LRP worship host, one Director of Technical Arts, a Creative Director, a full-time Associate Director of Music, a part-time Coordinator of Instrumental and Special Music, and the Director of Music and Worship.

The position involves leadership of all aspects of worship and production, including but not limited to recruiting, team-building, scheduling, pastoring, musical leadership, and coordination with other locations in the church network

**Requirements**

- An associate degree, bachelor's degree, or equivalent training in music
- Two years minimum in worship leading or equivalent
- Demonstrated skill in voice
- Preferably leads from guitar, although leading from keyboard/piano may be considered
- Ability to teach and train developing musicians
- General knowledge of running sound, stage/set design, lighting
- Knowledge of current music climate and best practices in contemporary worship
- Able to learn/use applicable presentation software

**Key Responsibilities**

- Be a devoted follower of Jesus Christ
- Live a daily life that reflects the highest standards of conduct, excellence, and leadership as a staff member of the music ministry team
- Lead contemporary worship for Sunday morning services, Christmas Eve services, and all other necessary services as needed (i.e., funerals, weddings, etc.) in a celebratory, praiseful, authentic manner
- Recruit and relate to professional and volunteer musicians to help bring out their best in musical performances and to develop their musical gifts

- Lead LRP band members in weekly rehearsals including Sunday morning pre-service practice
- Work in conjunction with the Music Director, pastors, LRP Worship Host, and Creative Team to select the order of worship, appropriate songs, and special elements for weekly and irregular worship services
- Lead and cultivate youth worship teams for The Ridge, our 6-12 grade youth program
- Lead weekly rehearsals for the youth band
- Collaborate with Director of Youth Ministry to plan the order of service for Wednesday night youth services
- Use spiritual leadership to establish community among Praise team musicians and volunteers
- Utilize available resources or arrange and transpose music for LRP ensemble members to create successful and excellent worship (Planning Center, PraiseCharts, Song Select, ProPresenter)
- Plan worship orders for every service, giving ample time for media and administrative teams to successfully complete remaining tasks (i.e., lyrics, bulletins, media slides, etc.)
- Exhibit strong communication and organization skills with commitment to team ministry

#### **Other responsibilities**

- Perform all other duties the Director of Music, Senior Pastor, and Executive Pastor deem necessary
- Attend yearly conferences and continuing education opportunities
- Abide by the policies laid out in the LakeRidge UMC Employee Handbook
- Promote LRP through personal invitation
- Participate in UM-approved boundary training on an ongoing basis

#### **Appointment**

*Recommended by Director of Music Ministry and Search Team*

*Approved by Staff Parish Relations Committee*

*Reports to Director of Music and Worship*