Music Director
Grace Episcopal Church
Amherst, MA 01002

Grace Church seeks an experienced and innovative musician to lead the Parish music program and direct its adult choir. This is a part-time position, 10-14 hours/week. The choir is active from September 1 through Trinity Sunday. Salary range is $25,000 - 30,000. Anticipated start date September 1, 2023.

Responsibilities as Music Director:

1. Report to the Rector and coordinate with Rector and other clergy to ensure music aligns with the liturgical calendar;
2. Coordinate all music for services, including choir anthems, service music, hymns, special projects (e.g. Lessons & Carols, children’s choir, Christmas Pageant), hiring of guest musicians;
3. Maintain music library and all Parish instruments in coordination with the organist/pianist;
4. Manages and maintains the music program budget, coordinating routine and special musical purchases and supplies within that budget;
5. Attends weekly staff meetings.

Responsibilities as Choir Director:

1. Rehearse all volunteer adult choir of mixed musical training and talent on a weekday evening, traditionally Thursday evening, and Sunday morning to provide anthems at Sunday services and special occasions, lead the congregation in service music and hymns;
2. Support and encourage the musicianship of the choir;
3. Provide a broad and varied repertoire which both honors the Anglican music tradition and includes a diversity of modern and traditional music.

Qualifications: Candidates should have experience in choral conducting and a bachelor’s degree or equivalent. The successful candidate must demonstrate both skill in choral conducting and the ability to communicate effectively.

Application and Selection Process:

- Submit cover letter, resume and three references to: tkorpita@gracechurchamherst.org or Music Director Search Committee, Grace Episcopal Church, 14 Boltwood Ave., Amherst MA 01002.
- Finalists will be interviewed by the search committee and will be observed leading a choir rehearsal that includes a piece the choir knows well and a piece selected by the candidate and rehearsed with the choir.