

## **Sabbatical Worship Pastor Job Description**

Energetic and progressive western Massachusetts UCC congregation seeks summer sabbatical pastoral replacement with same qualities. Our goal, which we share with our Pastor, is the traditional meaning and purpose of sabbatical: rest and renewal. After several years of dynamic changes and the expansion of our ministries, we are in good shape for taking a breather on many of our activities. Yet we want our positive momentum to continue in the more relaxed season of summer vacations, tourism, and the flourishing arts offerings in the beautiful Berkshires.

For nine out of the twelve weeks of June 9-August 25 we seek a temporary, part-time pastor who will be responsible for planning and leading worship services, and on call for pastoral emergencies. Often our summer thematic focus has been the arts and spirituality, aligning with local exhibition and art themes, and we especially welcome a candidate whose passions lie in this area. We are also open to any creative impulses a new perspective might bring. We value the rhythm of contemplation and action for social justice, and we seek to embody that rhythm this summer. Job responsibilities include:

- Prepare and deliver meaningful weekly sermons, lead and plan weekly order of worship.
- Work with the Minister of Music to select music for worship services.
- Lead or attend any post-worship "Second Hour" thematic programs.
- Plan, support and officiate at baptisms and funerals as needed.

We value ecumenism and welcome applicants from other Christian denominations. Likewise, in addition to ordained pastors, current seminarians are encouraged to apply. While priority will be given to candidates who can serve all nine weeks, we will consider partial summer commitments as well. The sabbatical worship pastor is expected to work an average of 10-12 hours per week. Full nine-week salary is \$6,500.

For more information about our church: <https://firstchurchwilliamstown.org/>. Note, summer worship attendance typically varies between 50 and 80 attendees.

Candidates should submit a resume and cover letter (or any questions) by March 15th to First Congregational Church at [office@firstchurchwilliamstown.org](mailto:office@firstchurchwilliamstown.org).