

## Worship Ministry Team Annual Report 2017-2018

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### What's happened:

- Thank you to our Altar Servant leader, Paula Zsiray, who continues to do an awesome job, and is keeping everything and everyone in order.
- We thank Luke Shepherd for sharing his amazing musical talents with us until his departure in August. We were incredibly blessed to find Michael Wechter as our new accompanist – another gifted, amazing talent who has taken the musical portion of our service to another level!
- Again, we thank Cary Youmans for his leadership of the Prince of Peace Choir and selection of amazing pieces for us to sing. And a big thank you to all the members of the choir who regularly enrich our worship services. The choir sang at Beehive Home for God's Work, Our Hands Sunday; the Logan Tabernacle for the Interfaith Thanksgiving service; in December for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Christ @ the LDS Ward Church on 1500 N in Logan.
- Thank you to those who have played guitars and played in the orchestra, enhancing our Reformation, Christmas Eve and Easter services, and to those who have provided special music during the offering.
- Also, a big thank you to those members who have provided pulpit supply.
- Our lay ministry approach continues to be working quite well – we reorganized the groups in November 2017. The willingness of members to volunteer in different lay ministry capacities and expand on or enrich their comfort zone has been amazing – thank you!
- We've brought back the Praise Service and try to use it at least quarterly.
- Our outdoor service was held in June @ Merlin Olsen Park South Pavilion. The evening service included welcoming back our summer citizens, a potluck dinner and fellowship.
- We had a 'Christmas in July' service with selected readings and congregation's choice Christmas carols.
- Our fall outdoor worship at PoP in October became an "indoor" worship service (due to the weather) and a "take home" 'Blessing of the Animals'; it was a great service using Mountain Vespers accompanied by guitars.
- During Advent, we worshipped on Sunday evenings using the "Unfailing Light" Evening Prayer service; it was preceded by an Advent Activity for All.
- Christmas Eve we used "Unfailing Light" Evening Prayer with many Christmas carols throughout; guitars accompanied "Silent Night". Dessert and coffee followed.

- Our weekly Lenten Services were held centered around music from Holden Prayer Around the Cross and scriptures being used in the Easter Vigil. Thank you to Cary, Sarah, Elaine and Rachael for being cantors.
- For Lent, we continued an ecumenical partnership with Ash Wednesday at First Presbyterian, Maundy Thursday at St. John's Episcopal, and Good Friday Services at First Presbyterian with joint choirs of PoP & 1<sup>st</sup> Pres doing "Tenebrae – A Service of Darkness" .
- The highlight of Holy Week, is a dynamic and moving Easter Vigil service featuring a large font for full immersion baptism renewal for those members who participated in the Water and Word program (and anyone else who wanted to get thoroughly soaked), an amazing Easter Proclamation chant, several readings with performances, all followed by a reception.
- Easter Sunday we will rejoice in the Risen Lord through Affirmation of Baptism, Holy Communion and music by our orchestra followed by a potluck brunch with the 'Ministerios Linage Escogido Pentecostes' congregation who share our building.
- Another exciting, dynamic, contemplative and creative worship year is 'in the books'. I am so grateful to be a part of this amazing Team which meets every month to plan the worship service, from the liturgy we use to the hymns we sing. Their dedication, creativity and passion are such a gift and blessing – Thank You Team!

Sharing God's words through liturgy & music,

Joan Mahoney