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AT  CTK

Fall 2021

Let everything that has breath
PRAISE
THE
Lord.
Psalm 150:6

COME JOIN THE MUSIC MINISTRY AT CTK!

There are so many ways to support the *Music Ministry at CTK!* Do you like to sing or play an instrument? Not musical, just love music? Contact *Ann Lee* to find out how to get involved!



A Note from the Director



The Washington DC metro area never ceases to amaze me. It's a hub for the best of the best, full of leaders and experts in their fields. It is also a place with extreme poverty and need. Most of all, there are profound spiritual needs that can hide behind glossy exteriors.

At Christ the King, we are all committed to being a beacon for Christ to a tired, stressed, and hurting world. Music can serve as a bridge that supersedes conflict and difference, viscerally leading us toward God's beautiful light and love.

While we've continued to adapt as needed, continuing with some sort of modified service, the understandable limitations on public music performance were one of the hardest parts of this past year for me. I don't want to be responsible for someone's illness, or worse, especially someone who is vulnerable; and masking was not a big deal to me. But when I could feel in the sanctuary that we all just really wanted to sing, my heart would sink. I constantly thought of the passage in Luke when Jesus was riding into Jerusalem and the crowds were hailing him, when Jesus answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out." How unnatural to withhold authentic praise.

I bring this up for a few reasons. First, please be in prayer for the church staff and leadership, for discernment, peace, and energy for the season ahead. *We are excited be able to resume joyful worship in a more normal way!*

Second, we are a very blessed as a church at CtK. I pray that each of you, including Friends far and wide, *find a place to serve one another in a way that is deeply meaningful*. It's like a good scent that permeates everything it touches--you'll never know the impact of your inspired acts of service.

Third, I am constantly learning the most amazing things about all of you. If you have ideas, specifically about how Music Ministry at CtK and Friends of Music can reach needs in our community, please share them! Along those lines, ***please see the interview below***, and check out the links! I promise you won't be disappointed!

With Gratitude,

Ann

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An Interview With Stew Welch

If you've participated in worship at CtK, you're likely familiar with Stew Welch and his many talents. Stew shares his heart for worship and music from a well of theological knowledge, international experience, and from an amazingly varied musical background.



My personal favorites are Stew's jazz albums (see below). Check out his [SoundCloud page](#) for bluegrass, jazz, and more!

[Read his fascinating interview here.](#)

Jazz From the Middle to the East, Vol. 1
Jazz From the Middle to the East, Vol. 2
Places by Gilad Ckazar Collective

At-Home Music Resources

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