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Minister of Music and Worship Arts

As the minister of music and worship arts, I have the coolest job at the church! I get to dream about, vision for, plan, and implement worship at this amazing church. I get to work with an incredibly talented, dedicated, and artistically diverse staff and a wonderful group of committed, creative, and tireless volunteers.

I was a piano performance major at the University of Puget Sound, where I received a Bachelor of Music Degree. I received a Master of Arts in Worship and the Arts and a Master of Divinity degree from Pacific School of Religion. I am an ordained Deacon in Full Connection. If none of that matters much to you, that's okay. The most important thing is that I love making music, being involved in worship, and being a part of the Los Altos United Methodist Church Community.

My wife, Carol, who is the director of youth choirs, and I have been at LAUMC in some capacity for 30 years. Together we direct the Starfire Singers, our high school choir, and Lightshine, our middle school choir. We have two adult sons, Dustin, who lives in Seattle and will be going on to pursue graduate studies in opera, and Dylan, who lives here, plays drums in the Creekside Worship Band, and works in media ministries.

Worship is all about connection—our connection with God and with the community that gathers together to worship God. I pray that you find that connection here at LAUMC.