

LAY WORSHIP MINISTRIES

The **Altar Guild** cares for the altar, the worship elements, the sanctuary and the preparations for our weekly celebration of Holy Eucharist and special services. This includes tending to the altar linens, altar vessels, flowers, candles, the sanctuary and vestments.

The **Flower Guild** is responsible for our weekly altar flower arrangements and seasonal decorations in the sanctuary, narthex and parish hall. The guild also supports parish events, special services and activities with decorations and floral designs. Individuals and families may sign up to offer the flowers in honor, memory, or thanksgiving of an event or person by contacting the Guild or church office.

The chimes located in the church tower are real and played by **volunteer Chimers** before and after the 9:30 service. Visit the **MUSIC** page to learn how this important ministry delivers the important role of enhancing our spiritual experience at all services.

The **Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir and Guitar Musicians** enhance the weekly worship and special services throughout the year helping to lead the congregation with music. The Ministry staff and volunteers also work with other ministries such as Christian Formation to bring music to enhance their learning and activities. Go to the Music [insert hyperlink to Music] button to learn more about these dynamic groups. They welcome all who would like to participate, both experienced, and novice.

The **Acolytes** faithfully serve the Church of the Messiah, helping as Crucifer, Torch Bearer, First Server and Second Server for weekly and special services throughout the year. The Lay Readers serve in leading worship and assisting the priest regularly at all of our Sunday liturgies and other special services throughout the year.

With the supervision of the clergy, **Chalice Bearers** perform one of the most visible and central acts of Christian worship by administering the Blood of Christ during Holy Communion.

Ushers serve Messiah in many ways, including distributing bulletins, assisting with seating, giving directions, assisting in emergencies and welcoming newcomers. In addition to the Greeters, the Ushers help make every service something special by welcoming everyone with a smile, a handshake, and offer of assistance.