



RIVER VALLEY WORSHIP MINISTRY

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Darlene Zschech Hillsong Church, Australia

Welcome,

Thank you for your interest in the worship ministry here at RVCC. Our philosophy of worship is simple; God must become greater and we must become less. (John 3:30) Our times of worship together are for God's glory, not our own. At RVCC we want God to be the focus of our worship. We want to sincerely seek and praise the Lord. As we do this we must keep some things in mind:

- In worship, God is concerned with the heart attitude (1 Samuel 16:7).
- Musical instruments are inclusive, not exclusive (Psalm 150).
- Our worship focus is not to be distracted by personal likes or dislikes.
- We make a practice of learning and singing new songs (Psalm 33:3).
- We make a practice of singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (Ephesians 5:19-20).

As the Bible does not specify a preferred style of worship, our goal is to worship God in spirit and in truth (John 4:24) expressed in a culturally relevant manner whether that be singing hymns or choruses, using piano or guitar, playing trumpets or drums. And we acknowledge that none of it glorifies God unless our hearts are right before Him!

Thank you for taking time to read and fill out this informational packet. It is the first step in the process of building a relationship upon which we can serve Him together. I look forward to seeing what God has for us.

Because of His love poured out for us,

Michael Bahn, RVCC Worship Pastor

RIVER VALLEY WORSHIP MINISTRY PROFILE

Name: _____ Phone: h- _____
c- _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

If married or a parent, name of spouse and/or children's names and ages:

Spouse: _____

Child(ren): _____

Are you primarily interested in:

_____ - Technical (i.e. operator of sound, computer or lighting equipment, etc.)

_____ - Musical (i.e. vocalist or instrumentalist with or without a band)

YOUR TECHNICAL HISTORY:

What types of sound/computer/lighting systems have you worked with before?

What is your experience and confidence level on the above mentioned equipment?

Lo		High		
1	2	3	4	5

Comments: _____

YOUR MUSICAL HISTORY:

What instrument(s) do you play?

<i>Confidence Level</i>				
Lo		High		
1	2	3	4	5
1	2	3	4	5
1	2	3	4	5
1	2	3	4	5

Comments: _____

Vocal Preference: (alto, bass, etc.)

Confidence Level
Lo High
1 2 3 4 5
1 2 3 4 5

Comments: _____

As a vocalist do you have the ability to create, learn and/or hear harmonizing parts?

YES ____ NO ____

Describe your experience with harmonies:

AVAILABILITY:

Are you available all weekend worship celebration services including Saturdays and Sunday mornings?

YES ____ NO ____

What is the frequency of your availability for serving in the worship ministry?

WEEKLY ____ BI-WEEKLY ____ MONTHLY ____ BACK-UP ____

Comments: _____

YOUR SPIRITUAL HISTORY:

- How long have you been a follower of Jesus Christ?
- Where do you feel your relationship with Him is at right now?
- If you are currently desiring to grow in your walk with God what would be helpful to you? (i.e. home group, 1 on 1 discipleship, etc.)
- How would you define worship and why is it important to you?
- Explain your personal times of worship? (i.e. your devotional life)

ABOUT YOU & MINISTRY:

- How long have you attended River Valley?
- What are your spiritual gifts?
- Why do you want to participate in worship ministry?
- What previous worship ministries have you been a part of? Where & when?
- What do you think are your greatest strengths that you'll bring to a worship ministry? (i.e. musically, spiritually, technically, personality)
- What are your areas of weakness (i.e. musically, spiritually, etc.) that you think could use improvement?
- In life, what encourages you, and what discourages you?
- What ideas, dreams, or passions do you have concerning worshiping God yourself and leading others to worship Him? (dream big....we have a big God!!!)
- What is your favorite quote from the last two pages of this application and why?

Please return pages 2 - 5 of this application to:

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The following pages 7 & 8 are yours to keep. I hope you read them and hope they inspire you to seek God more fully, desire His personal interaction in your life, and ponder more of who God is and what He is wanting from and for you.

Thoughts on worship...

Graham Kendrick: Worship is God's enjoyment of us and our enjoyment of him. Worship is a response to the father/child relationship.

Matt Redman: Does our worship make it obvious what sort of God we're approaching and how we should respond to Him?

Dr. Vernon Grounds: Worship involves awareness of God, awe in His presence, adoration of Him because of His excellencies and acts, and affirmation in praise of all He is and does.

Darlene Zschech: Worship is an act of obedience of the heart. It is a response that requires the very core of who you are, to love the Lord for who He is, not just for what He does. Worship is more than singing beautiful songs in church on a Sunday. It is more than instruments and music. As a true worshiper, your heart will long to worship Him at all times, in all ways and with all your life.

Leslie B. Flynn: Worship is giving to God the glory, praise, honor and thanks due Him, both for who He is and for what He has done.

Tim Hughes: Singing songs to God isn't enough; that in itself is not worship. Worship involves offering to God all that we are and all that we'll be - offering our heart, soul and mind.

Matt Redman: Our Heavenly Father loves us with extravagant abandon. Passionate, undignified worship is our only reasonable response.

Judson Cornwall: Worship is an attitude of heart, a reaching towards God, a pouring out of our total self in thanksgiving, praise, adoration and love to the God who created us and to whom we owe everything we have and are. Worship is the interaction of man's spirit with God in a loving response.

H. Lee Wiggins: Worshipping God is the duty of every human being. Why? If the Son of God counts it his duty to obey the command to worship God, then how much more must we count it our duty to obey this command!

Jo King: Worship is a response to God. It is loving God in the presence of others and loving others in the presence of God.

Mike Pilavachi: The heart of worship is and always has been blessing Him, coming to intimacy with Him, giving to Him, He is the center of worship, and how dare we ever make us the center of worship. Worship isn't to please me, it's to please Jesus. Worship is for Jesus, it's to Jesus, and it's about Jesus.

Anon: Worship is a lifelong process of knowing and being known by God.

Matt Redman: But God first seeks devotion to Him in the hidden place – worship when no one else is watching.

Alasdair Verschoyle: Worship is the deep intimate adoration of God that includes celebration and declaration. Worship is the ascription of worth to the one who is worthy, it is an experience with God, and it is a spontaneous response to God's character. Worship is an individuals' personal response to the revelation of God in the midst of His people.

Clement of Alexander: Worship is celebration. All of life is a festival: being persuaded that God is everywhere present on all sides, we praise Him as we till the ground, we sing hymns as we sow the seed, we feel His inspiration in all we do.

Carol Mundy: Worship is a response to God's presence – loving Him for who He is.

Carl Tuttle: Worship is a desire to know God, to stand in His presence, to meet with God, an expectation of God to dwell among His people. Worship is coming before God with an expectancy to see His manifest presence. Worship is to revere and pay homage to God, the act of profound adoration, to give God the glory due his name, to bow down before Him, to fall at His feet, to be as a puppy at his master's feet, to turn towards and kiss, lifting up our hands in absolute surrender, drawing near to God, blessing and ministering to Him, to be in fearful awe, giving ourselves over to Him in loving affection and to do so in spirit and honesty.

Bruce Leafblad: Worship is that process in which we make God first in our lives.