

## **Mark Acker, Minister of Music**



Mark began his work at First Congregational in January of 2016. His primary roles include leading the Choir, serving as a pastoral presence to members of the choir and church, playing the organ, preaching in the absence of our pastor, and working with various groups and work areas in the church.

Prior to coming to First Congregational, Mark served for 26 years as Director of Music, Worship and the Arts at two churches in Nashville, Tennessee: first at Brentwood United Methodist Church and later at Belle Meade United Methodist. Mark also served at St. James United Methodist Church and Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, both in Little Rock, Arkansas. He is the author of "The Passion Driven Youth Choir."

Mark's passion now lies in helping the choir and the music of First Congregational to be a light in which all people – young and old, rich and poor, gay and straight – find inspiration, joy, community, and meaning.