



**CREATIVE ARTS
FIELD GUIDE**

MISSION & VALUES

As a ministry of Summit View Church, Summit View Creative Arts is a family of artists seeking to leverage our gifts to enhance the church's vision of seeing a movement of disciple-making churches advancing God's Kingdom throughout the world. We are dedicated to living out the church's mission of equipping and empowering the body of Christ to lead and impact every sphere of life with Gospel-Centered Living. Through the Creative Arts Ministry, we seek to develop leaders who will worship in every aspect of their lives by proclaiming the gospel of Christ, while challenging believers to live a life fully devoted to Jesus.

We exist to exalt the name of Jesus Christ here and now, always and forever.

WORSHIP DEFINED

Worship is our response to God's revelation of Himself. Worship is the living act of ascribing to God the supreme homage of which He alone is worthy.

MULTIPLE CAMPUSES | ONE CREATIVE FAMILY

Summit View Creative Arts is made up of multiple teams supporting multiple campuses throughout Clark County and beyond, including:

- Music
- Design
- Communications
- Audio Tech & Production
- Visual Storytelling

WHAT WE DO...

WE CHOOSE THE WORD OF GOD OVER THE WORDS OF PEOPLE.

We must believe the Word of God and bend our life towards it. Without centering our lives on God's Word, we will drift between self reliance and insecurity. As such, we prioritize the singing and messaging of scripture over personal opinions or expressions.

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

2 Timothy 3:16

WE LOVE AND WORSHIP JESUS ABOVE EVERYTHING ELSE.

Our team is built on a foundation of worship. This means that everything we do—in every sphere of our ministry—is designed to fulfill our holy mandate to worship Jesus with joy, passion, & devotion.

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:9-11

WE DEPEND ON THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT RATHER THAN OUR OWN.

Spirit-empowered followers of Christ tap into a power that is bigger than their own, and accomplish things greater than their own plans—leaving people filled rather than drained. We worship in spirit and in truth.

If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Romans 8:11

WE ARE A COMMUNITY OF SHEPHERDS.

We are shepherds who serve our people readily and cheerfully. Shepherds lead, nurture, shape, and care for others. We do not seek to mimic culture, rather we want to intentionally establish our own. We don't look to find community, we look to foster community.

Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.

Philippians 2:14

WE CHOOSE UNITY OVER INDIVIDUALISM.

We cheer others on—especially those whose gifts we may be tempted to envy. Deep-spirited friends are rare & beautiful and we want to be the kind of friend we ourselves hope to find.

Complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

Philippians 2:2

WE STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE, NOT PERFECTION.

Despite what the culture might tell you, perfection is not attainable and the pursuit of it can even be toxic. In place of perfection, we are called to godly excellence—simply, bringing God your best. We believe that godly excellence is akin to carrying a well-lit lamp into the darkness; it lights up the path, not the person.

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15

WE CHOOSE SERVANTHOOD OVER STARDOM.

In a social media driven, influencer obsessed, and advertisement saturated culture, stardom never lives up to what it promises. Servanthood, on the other hand, is reflected in a heart focused on bringing glory to Jesus, not oneself. When the goal is God's glory, it never disappoints.

"But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Mark 10:43-45

WE ARE NOT MOVED BY APPLAUSE OR CRITICISM.

We carry on, whether we are applauded for our work or criticized. When we are applauded, it doesn't puff us up or make us arrogant—we acknowledge the work of God in us. When we are criticized, it won't cripple or destroy our confidence—we humbly seek to improve.

For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.

Galatians 1:10

WE FOCUS ON CHARACTER OVER COMPETENCE.

Competence and character are both essential to serving in any talent—and we do believe both should be developed—but we focus first and foremost on character because that is God's focus. He looks at the heart not appearances, and so should we.

For the Lord sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.

1 Samuel 16:7-8

WE CONSIDER OTHERS MORE IMPORTANT THAN OURSELVES.

We all come to the table with our desires and hopes—many genuine and of the Lord, but it is essential that as leaders we keep Christ as the forefront and seek the good of others above our own, even at times giving to others what we most desire for ourselves.

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

Philippians 2:3

OUR WORSHIP CULTURE PRACTICES

We value authentic and engaging praise. Therefore we...

- Make time to grow together as worshipers.
- Recognize our job is to worship God while helping others worship God.
- Strive to memorize and internalize our music—no stands on stages (iPads are the exception).
- Evaluate how well we engage and lead by providing and receiving respectful, unfiltered feedback; we separate worship from our talents to enable real, teachable conversations.
- Yield to church leadership.

- Put our songs in singable keys, prioritize congregational singing, and require harmony from our singers.
- Uphold a dress code that avoids graphic t-shirts, open toed shoes, shorts, skirts above the knees, tank tops, and/or leggings.

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

Psalms 40:3

We value excellence and creativity. Therefore we...

- Expect a base level of music proficiency.
- Plan in advance and rehearse weekly; we are prepared for both rehearsals and Sundays.
- Utilize in-ear technology, Planning Center, and other tools as needed.
- Play with a click on every song.
- Use a track or pad on some songs.
- Expect our musicians to be able to play from a numerical chord chart.
- Create our own arrangements of some songs and feature songs we write from time to time.

Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

Psalms 33:3

We value Spirit-led spontaneity and flexibility. Therefore we...

- Allow the team leader on stage to make final calls for what actually occurs.
- Seek the Spirit and follow his leading inside and outside of Sunday worship.
- Submit to Jesus as the worship leader; our responsibility is to obey Him and follow His lead.
- Strive to anticipate possible changes.
- Model emotions from stage that are contagious to seekers and saints alike.

The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.

Proverbs 16:9

We value diversity of music & leaders on the platform. Therefore we...

- Mix up individuals leading.
- Play/sing various styles of music.
- Practice multiple liturgy types and service types.
- Allow for different worship experiences at our various campuses.
- Seek to enable worship participation at all our various campuses to advance diversity of styles and experiences.

From whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Ephesians 4:16

We value a heart for souls and missional worship. Therefore we...

- Expect our musicians to be believers in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior; it is impossible to worship without the Spirit of God and we cannot lead people where we are unable to go.
- Encourage and teach personal evangelism to our teams.
- Take our music and teams outside our walls to our community.
- Expect our worship leaders to grow in personal holiness and love for God and others.
- Strongly encourage our worship leaders to be involved in a church Life Group.
- Recognize that as members of a "royal priesthood" our worship leading is not limited to the walls of the church but should extend to every sphere of life.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

1 Peter 2:9