



# SLC Organ Replacement

Meta Organworks - \$96,600 + tax

## Four reasons we need a new organ:

1. Current organ is almost 40 years old and failing.
2. Replacement parts are no longer being made.
3. When needed, repairs cost \$800 an hour.
4. The needs of SLC have expanded since the last organ was purchased.

## Meta Organworks is a modern organ building company with a pipe organ building aesthetic.

After a year of research, we believe this organ is the one we need to take us into the future indefinitely. The case, keyboard and pedals are built like those for a traditional pipe organ. Combined with 21<sup>st</sup> century technology, we will essentially have the sound of 9 different world class pipe organs, as well as a harpsicord, in our sanctuary AND with the added Ableton software package, we will be able to play any genre of music, i.e., support for SLiCk Pickers, Electric Worship Band, etc.

## How do we maintain this new kind of organ?

This organ is computer based without access to the internet, so will not be corrupted by “bugs or viruses.” It is a closed system that will not need frequent updates. The actual organ console is built by hand and has unlimited remote technological support in perpetuity. Any work it may need can be performed by local audio and computer maintenance technicians. It is anticipated there should not be any maintenance costs for at least 10 years.

## This seems like a lot of money. What are the other options?

1. Keep current organ until it no longer works.
2. Purchase an advanced keyboard that could serve as a limited organ and may be difficult for most organists to play.
3. Purchase the same type of electronic organ we have and get the same sound we have now.
4. Install a pipe organ at a cost of \$1,000,000 plus remodeling expenses.

## How will we pay for the new organ?

We plan to access some generous estate gifts that will cover the cost of the organ, however, if you would like to donate toward the organ in an effort to conserve the aforementioned estate funds, it would be appreciated as there are many places our church can use these legacy gifts.



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## What value will this organ add to our congregation?

New digital technology has greatly improved the quality of sound and versatility available in an organ. This organ will provide a broad experience to the listener...from a traditional pipe organ sound to an entire band backing up the cast of a "Bethlehem to Broadway" type show. This will be one of the first organs of its kind on the west coast, and we expect to draw a lot of interest from organists in the Puget Sound area. Even to the untrained ear, the scope and breadth of this instrument is astounding. Finally, the technology behind this instrument is far more durable than our present instrument and can easily be replaced and updated when necessary.

## Can we listen to an organ like this online?

Yes. You will find videos of this type of organ being played on Youtube.com.

<https://youtu.be/OERL76WdwwE>

<https://youtu.be/LrHq-4aNfhc>

## Who can play this new organ?

Any trained organist can play this organ as it will look and operate like the one we currently have. There *will* be a learning curve for an organist to utilize the advanced functions and switching between the different sample sets, but a guest organist would not need to do that to play it.

## Will installation conflict with worship services?

Removing the old organ will probably take more time than installation of the new one as it has dozens more wires that must be disconnected and labelled before it can be removed. Installation will be in August and will work around our worship services. It is estimated to take one week.

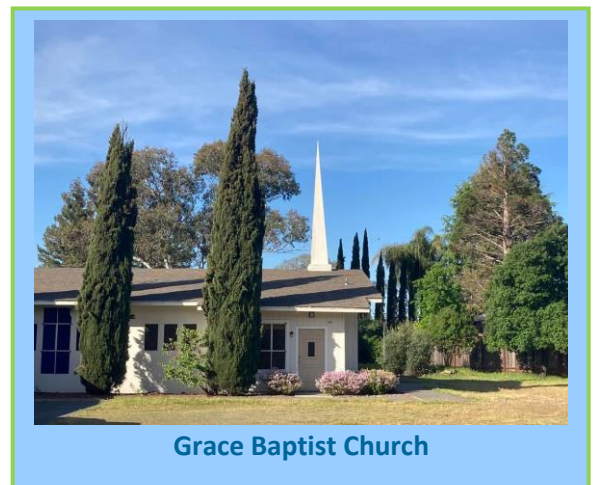
## What will happen to our old organ?

Our faithful worship leader will be moved to its new home in July, where it will take up residence at Grace Baptist Church in Sonoma, California. This smaller congregation will put the organ to good use as they worship and praise God.

## Learn more about Meta Organworks here:

[Metaorganworks.com](http://Metaorganworks.com)

<https://youtu.be/l7b9PZlj3ZQ>



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