



Director of *Jazz on High* at Peace United Church of Christ, Aidan Santa Cruz (he/him) is a Santa Cruz born and raised musician, singer, educator, and lifelong music-lover. An energetic collaborator in this region's rich arts scene, he has appeared with many of our most outstanding music-makers and projects, including the Santa Cruz Jazz festival, Kuumbwa Jazz Camp, Cabrillo College, Cabrillo Stage, and Santa Cruz Symphony.

Aidan's broad appreciation and respect for the diversity of musical styles – classical, jazz, world music and a panoply of folk traditions – informs his performance, composition, and teaching methodology. His top priority is to guide listeners and students in unlocking and deepening their creativity, knocking down barriers to self-expression as they discover what it means to become more fully human.

Aidan Santa Cruz earned a B.A. in Music from San Francisco State University, and is pursuing the M.A. in Education while working as a music teacher at New Brighton Middle School