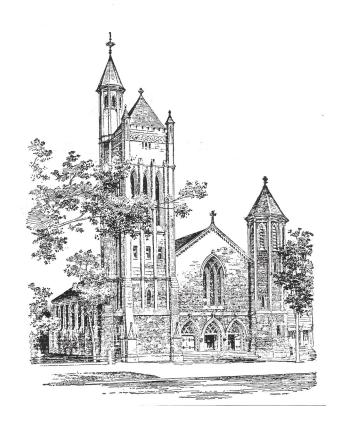
# State Street Church United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Church August 7, 2022



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### State Street Church, United Church of Christ August 7, 2022

Gathering Music

Sonata I: movements 1 and 2

Paul Hindemith (1895-1963)

**Greetings and Announcements** 

Rev. Bryan S. Breault

Liturgist: Josh Azimow

Prelude

Au Matin

Benjamin Godard (1849-1895)

\*Call To Worship

One: The Lord calls us today to be people of justice and mercy.

Many: Our worship is hollow if it focuses only on our own gratification.

One: The Lord asks that our words of hope become actions of peace.

Many: Thanks be to God who challenges and calls us. One: Let our ministry together bring peace and justice.

Many: Let our lives reflect God's love and mercy.

Surprising God of mercy and love, thank you for calling to us this day. We praise you that you challenge us to show our faith in ministries of peace and justice, offering compassion to all in need. Open our hearts and minds today to hear your words of encouragement and challenge. We offer this prayer in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

\*Opening Hymn 377

Forward through the Ages, verses 1 & 2

ST. GERTRUDE

A Time For Children

<sup>\*</sup>Invocation (unison)

<sup>\*</sup>Please rise in body or spirit

### The Lighting of the Peace Candle

Prayer

Song Let There Be Peace On Earth

#### Scripture

Gospel Reading: Luke 12: 32-40 (pew Bible pg. 76)

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 (pew Bible pg. 242)

Sermon

Living Into the Promise

Rev. Bryan S. Breault

#### Service of Communion

Invitation
Prayer of Confession (unison)

Forgiving God, you know how easy it is for us to celebrate with joy the wonders of your love. We create wonderful art to represent the joy we feel. Our music soars to the heavens in praise of you. Yet how often we have left our service to you as mere thoughts and intentions without fulfillment. You ask us to be ready to serve you at any time, but we place our commitment on the "to do" list of life; promising to do these things when we get to them. Forgive hesitancy and our self-serving ways, O Lord. Heal us of the disease of seeking first our own comfort before we engage in acts of justice and mercy. Open our eyes and ears to the cries of those in need. Help us to give and also to receive ministries of love and reconciliation as we serve you with our whole hearts. Then our music, our art, our worship will truly reflect your awesome and abundant love for us. AMEN.

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Assurance of God's Grace and Forgiveness

Hymn 227 Christ at Table There with Friends MAUNDY THURSDAY

Silence Pastoral Prayer The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Mother, Parent who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread The sharing of the Elements Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life. We are fed by your love; we are strengthened by your life. We are sent forth into this world to live into the visions God has laid on our hearts. We are now commissioned to feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, love as we have been loved. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Offering

(offerings can be made on our website or placed in the offering plates. If you choose not to give during the service, just nod to the deacon)

Invitation to offering

Offertory Anthem

Consolation 1

Franz Liszt (1811-1886)

\*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise God all Creatures here below Praise God above ye heavenly host Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Offertory prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Closing Hymn 77

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS

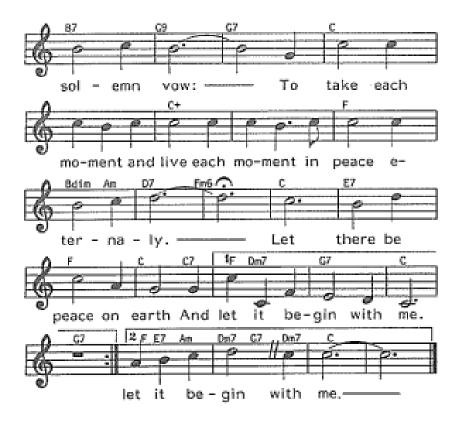
\*Benediction

Postlude

Fantasia in G Minor

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)





Thank you to our deacons of the day Stephen Ouellete, Margy Soule, and Debra Yoo, and our liturgist Josh Azimow.

> Thank you to our livestreaming support today, Tori Bachman.

# Upcoming events at State Street Church

Office Hours: Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The office will be closed to in-person activities Fridays in August, available by phone and email 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

### Sun. August 7

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

# Weds. August 10

5:30 p.m. Trustee Meeting 7:00 p.m. No More Tears Meeting

## Tues. August 9

7:00 p.m. Share and Live Meeting

# Sun. August 14

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Please join us in Chapel Hall for a time of fellowship and refreshment (through the door at the front, left of the sanctuary).

In the event the COVID level rises to medium or high, we will simply gather outside on the sidewalk. An announcement will be made at the start of the service.

Bathrooms can be found in the narthex (the hall between the back of the church and the outside door) to the far left and right. They are designed for one person so they are gender neutral.

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