

# State Street Church United Church of Christ

*An Open and Affirming Church*

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Unison Prayer of Confession

**Forgiving Lord, You have promised us your presence, in Spirit, and in community. You have graced us with your kingdom, both in teaching and in service. Even so, we sometimes neglect, ignore, and reject your purposes for us. We do not always love what you love. We do not always embrace what you embrace. We do not always defend what you have called us to defend. We know that life is brief, and we yearn to live in harmony with your will. Have mercy on us, God. Forgive us for ignoring the bounty around us and neglecting those who are in need, in body, soul or both. We earnestly ask you to continue working in our lives through Jesus Christ, now and forevermore. Hear now the truth within our hearts that we confess to you, of that which we have done, or failed to do...**

Silence

Assurance of God's Love

Choral Amen, Hymn 812

Scripture

Hebrew Scripture: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 (pew Bible pg. 14)

Christian Scripture: Romans 4:13-25 (pew Bible pg. 161)

Hymn No. 286

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

SPIRIT

This Morning's Sermon

Rev. Bryan S. Breault

The Prayers

Joys and Concerns

Silence

Pastoral Prayer

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Offering

Invitation

Offertory

*In That Great Getting' Up Morning*

Afro-American Spiritual  
arr. by Jester Hairston

Eli Dale, Joyce and Eugene Long

\*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise God all creatures here below.**

**Praise God above all heavenly hosts,**

**Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Closing Hymn No. 223 “What Wonderful Love Is This” WONDEROUS LOVE

\*Benediction

Postlude *March from Scipio* G. F Handel

Sitting for the postlude is voluntary.  
If you so choose, please feel free to leave the sanctuary quietly.

The Prelude and Offertory pieces are by David Hurd (1950- ) and traditional Spirituals, in recognition of Black History Month. The postlude was composed by G.F. Handel and played in honor of the 339th anniversary of his birth this past Friday.

**Please join us in the Chapel Hall for a time of  
fellowship and refreshment.**

Our thanks to the Deacons of the day, Eunice Bentley, Priscilla Bird, and Nor Dale, our usher, Sally Decatur, today's kitchen crew, Camy Barrantes, our liturgist Barbara Conroy, our live streaming team member, Denny Barrantes, as well as Meg Williams, Organist, and Eugene Long, Joyce Long and Eli Dale for the special Offertory music

**This Week at State Street Church**

**Sun. February 25**

9:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

**Tues. February 27**

7:00 p.m. Share and Live Meeting

**Weds. February 28**

7:00 p.m. No More Tears Meeting

**Sun. March 3**

9:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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