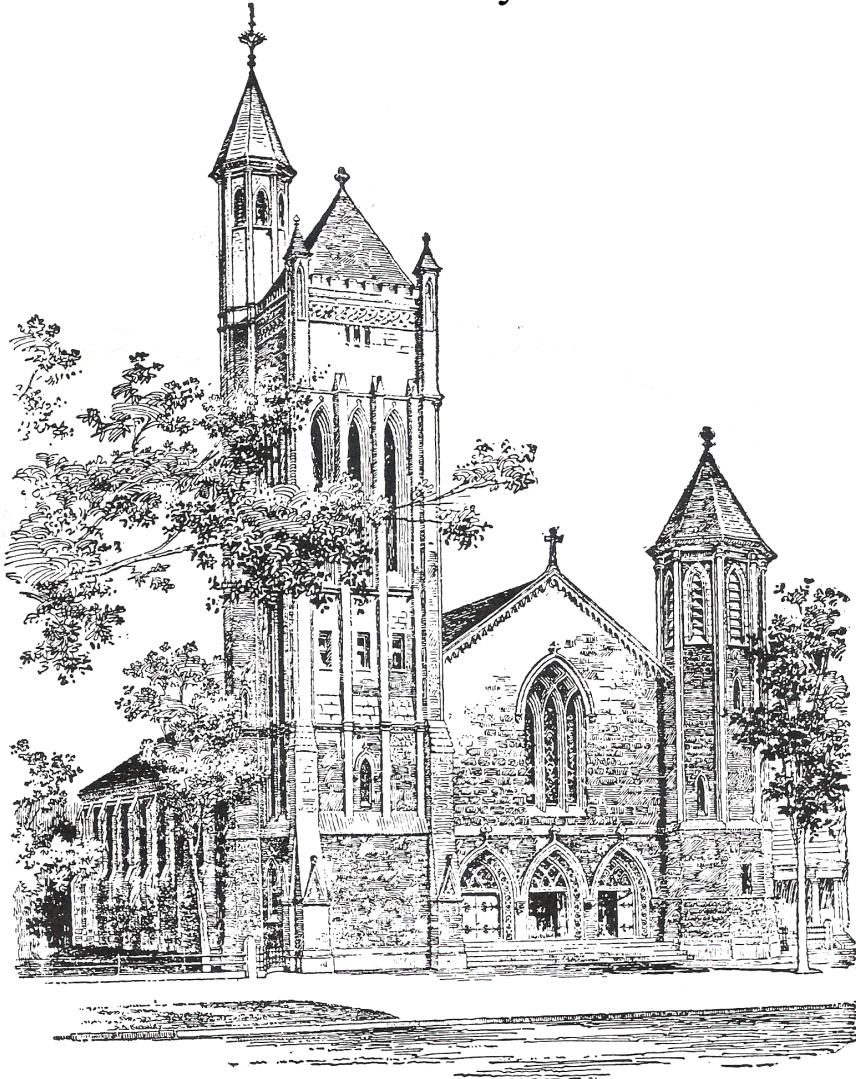


State Street Church
United Church of Christ
A Progressive Christian Open and Affirming Church

March 09, 2025
The First Sunday in Lent



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Welcome to State Street Church! During the greeting the Pastor will ask if any visitors would like to be introduced. There is no pressure to be introduced, if you would like to remain quiet and be present to the service, please feel free to do so. There is a card in your pew to fill out if you'd like contact from the church. Children are welcome, but not required, to come forward during the "Time for Children," - and may either return to their seats or join us for Kids' Church.

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Prelude "Aria" Paul Manz  
"Kingsfold Chorale" Franklin Ashdown

Greetings, Introductions, and Announcements

\*Passing of the Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ (God) be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

(Take a moment to share the peace of Christ with your neighbors.)

Crossing the Threshold

Invitation

Silence

**Hymn #74, "We Have Gathered, Jesus Dear" vs. 1**

We have gathered Jesus dear, we have come to watch and listen.

Fix our minds, our senses clear, to receive your heavenly lesson.

Please improve our concentration: draw us into contemplation.

Prayer of Approach

\*Opening Hymn 205 "Forty Days and Forty Nights" HEINLEIN

**\*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 91) Liturgist: Paul Gordon**

One: Are you restless and unsettled? This place is for you.

**Many: Let us worship God!**

One: Are you hungry for love and hope? This place is for you.

**Many: Let us worship God!**

One: Are you searching for direction? This place is for you.

**Many: Let us worship God!**

One: Do you have love to share? This place is for you.

**Many: Let us worship God together!**

## Invocation (unison)

**Whether we feel alone, or accompanied, God is with us. Let us open ourselves to recognize God's presence within us and among us. Amen.**

## A Time for Children

### Scripture

Hebrew Scripture: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (pew Bible pg. 200 )

Christian Scripture: Luke 4:1-13 (pew Bible pg. 62 )

## This Morning's Sermon

Rev. Bryan S. Breault

## A Time of Prayer

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

A Moment of Silence

Hymn 450 "O For a Closer Bond With God" BEATITUDO

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

**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.**

Choral Response

## Offering

*We are aware that some give online, or by other means, and some are unable to give. When the usher comes to your pew, you should feel comfortable looking to the usher smiling and*

Invitation

Offertory "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" arr. Virgil Thomson

\*Doxology

**Hymn #448--Take My Life, God, Let it Be" vs. 1**

Take my life, God, let it be consecrated faithfully.

Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Closing Hymn 503 "O Savior, Let Me Walk With You" MARYTON L.M.

\*Benediction

Benediction Response

Postlude "Fugue on the First Notes of the Creed" Charles Gounod

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

**Please join us in the Chapel Hall for a time of fellowship and refreshment.**  
Enter through the door to the front left of the sanctuary.

State Street Church is a progressive, diverse, and tolerant congregation. We provide a spiritual home for people from all walks of life. We work toward the vision of social justice preached in the gospel but are not exclusive in our faith. We find meaning in connecting with one another to help those in need and to nurture and deepen our spiritual awareness. We don't feel a need to agree on every matter but we try to listen and learn from one another. We are wide open to, and deeply affirming of LGBTQ+ individuals. No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. We encourage you to continue your spiritual journey with us! We'd love to get to know you.

### Coming Up at State Street Church

|      |             |          |                               |
|------|-------------|----------|-------------------------------|
| Sun. | Mar 9       | 10:00 am | Worship Service & Kids Church |
| Sun. | Mar 9       | 11:30 am | Deacon's Meeting              |
| Wed. | Mar 12 & 19 | 1-3 pm   | Clothes Closet                |
| Wed. | Mar 12      | 5:30 pm  | Trustees Meeting              |
| Mon. | Mar 17      | 7-9 pm   | Music Swap                    |
| Wed. | Mar 19      | 3:00 pm  | Shelter Mgr Meeting           |
| Wed. | Mar 19      | 6:30 pm  | Council Meeting               |
| Sun. | Mar 23      | 11:30 am | Book Group                    |

### **Where you can park on Sunday Morning while attending State Street Church**

- 1. Street Parking** is free on Sunday
- 2. Conroy Tully Walker Funeral Home**, unless you see a "Funeral Home Only" sign placed at the entrance.
- 3. The Portland Club**, be sure to get a pass for your windshield from an usher!

Deep gratitude to our **Deacons of the Day**; our **Usher(s)**, Sally Decateur and Josh Davis; our **Fellowship Hour Host(s)** Margy Soule and Grace Braley; our **Liturgist**, Paul Gordon; our **Live Streamer**; our **Kid's Church Leader(s)**, Eunice Bentley; and our **Greeter**



An easy way to support State Street Church: scan the QR code with your phone!



Restrooms are to the left and right of the hall at the back of the sanctuary.

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Reverend Bryan S. Breault, Pastor  
Kyle Bertulli, Music Director and Organist  
Kaylan Zipp, Christian Education Director  
Maryam Darjazi, Childcare Provider

