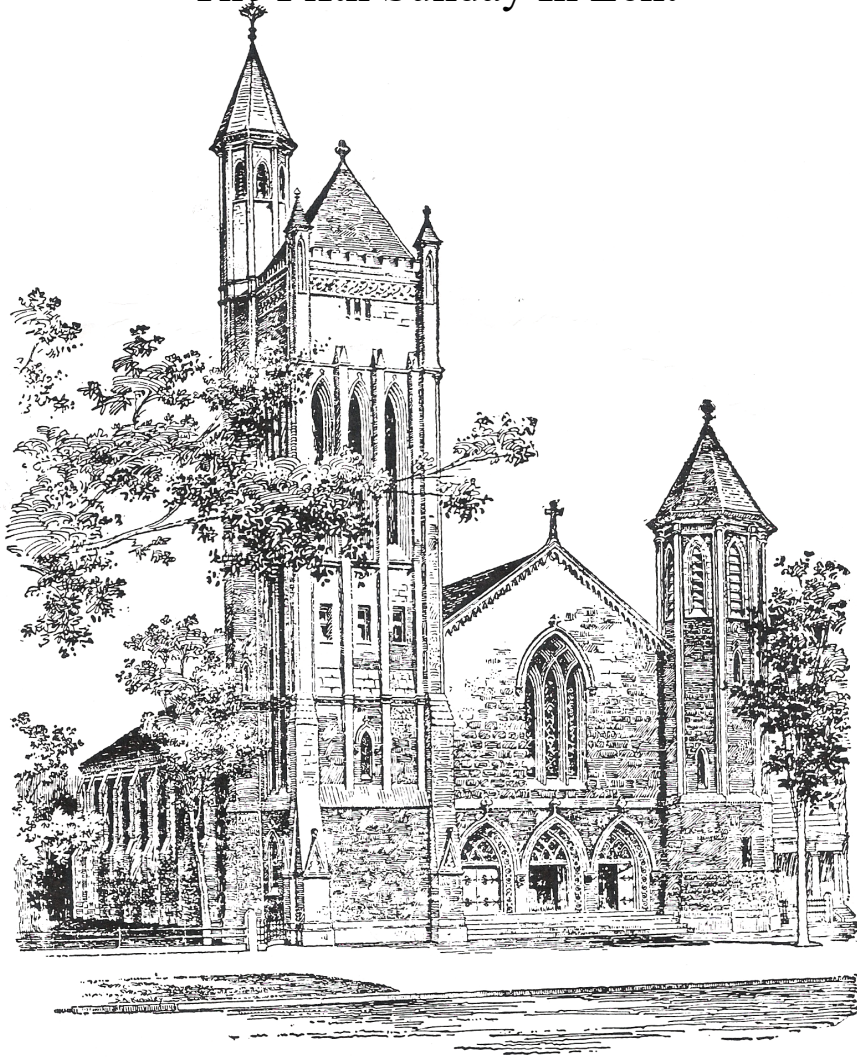


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United Church of Christ
A Progressive Christian Open and Affirming Church

April 6, 2025
The Fifth 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 "Chorale Prelude on Our Father" Max Reger  
"Choral Prelude on Our Father" J. S. Bach  
"Prelude on Martyrdom" C. Hubert H. Parry

Greetings, Introductions, and Announcements

\*Passing of the Peace

Crossing the Threshold

Invitation

Silence

Lenten Anthem: #74, "We Have Gathered, Jesus Dear" vs. 1 LIEBSTER JESU

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 481 "As Pants the Hart for Cooling Streams" MARTYDOM

\*Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 126) Liturgist: Nor Dale

One: With our ancestors we recall God's great works

**Many: The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.**

One: With our ancestors we pray

**Many: May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.**

One: With our ancestors we rejoice

**Many: Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.**

**All: Let us worship God, in this community and in the company of our  
ancestors.**

\*Invocation (unison)

**Holy One, whether we are eager to draw near to you, or we are cautious,  
whether we are certain of your guidance, or we are unsure how you call to  
us, you are present. Open our senses and open our hearts to experience  
your fullness. Amen.**

\*Please rise in body or spirit

## A Time For Children

### Scripture

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 43:6-21

(pew Bible pg. 745)

Christian Scripture: John 12:1-8

(pew Bible pg. 109)

### This Morning's Sermon

Rev. Bryan S. Breault

### Sacrament of Holy Communion

#### Invitation

#### Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Holy Jesus, you call us to follow you. We want to respond, but our attention flutters. One day we are steady disciples and another day we are distracted by the clamors of the world or by our own needs. Forgive our wavering commitment and make us more reliable disciples. May we each day respond when you beckon, becoming ever more faithful. Amen.**

#### God's Assurance of Forgiveness

Hymn 395

"In Christ There is No East or West"

ST. PETER

#### Silence

#### 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

#### Breaking of the Bread

Sharing of the Elements "I Need Thee Every Hour"

arr. Charles Callahan

"Abide With Me"

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

**Thank you, God, 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 vision 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

*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 nodding so the usher knows to move to the next person.*

Invitation

Offertory

"Deep River"

arr. Linda Spevacek

\*Doxology

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

VIENNA

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

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

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Closing Hymn 450

"O For a Closer Bond With God"

BEATITUDO

\*Benediction

Benediction Response

Postlude

"Fugue in D minor" (Dorian) BWV 538"

J. S. Bach

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

## Coming Up at State Street Church

Sun. Apr 6  
10:00 am Worship Service & Kids Church  
Tues. Apr 8 Christian Education Meeting  
Wed. Apr 9 3 pm Shelter Mgmt Meeting  
Wed. Apr 6 1-3 pm Clothes Closet  
Wed. Apr 16 6:30 pm Council Meeting  
Thur. Apr 17 6:00 pm **Maunder Thursday:**  
Potluck Supper followed by  
the Service of Tenebrae

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**, Priscillia Bird and Tori Bachman; our **Usher(s)**, Sally Decatur our **Fellowship Hour Host(s)**, Mary Buteyn and Barry Hosmer; our **Liturgist**, Nor Dale; our **Live Streamer** Ginger Raspiller; our **Kid's Church Leader(s)**, Sonia Barrantes; and our **Greeter**, Steve Conroy.

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Reverend Bryan S. Breault, Pastor  
Kyle Bertulli, Music Director and Organist  
Kaylan Zipp, Christian Educator



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