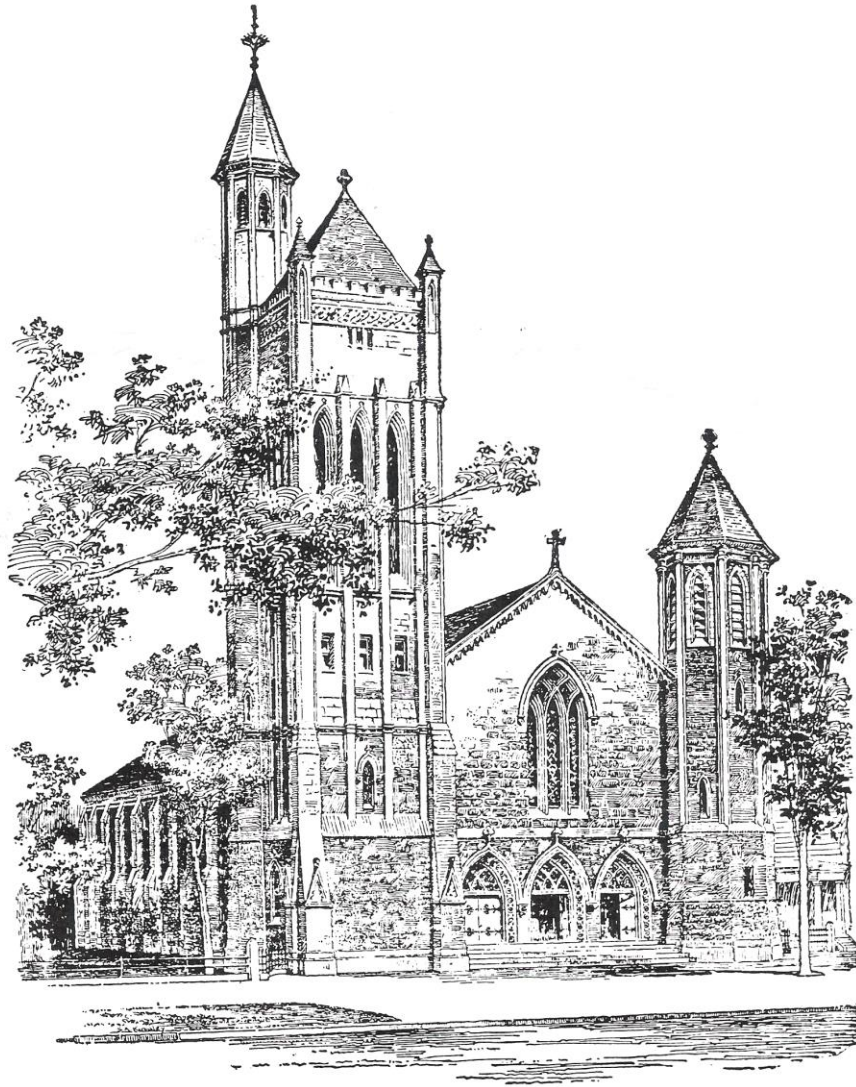


State Street Church

United Church of Christ

A Progressive Christian Open and Affirming Church

August 3, 2025



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*Call To Worship (Inspired by Psalm 107)

Davis Balestracci

One: Hallelujah! Give thanks! Give thanks to God!

Many: For the Holy One redeemed us and sustained us through the time of trouble.

One: Give thanks to the Holy One, for God is good!

Many: For the Compassionate One hears our cry and sustains us through the time of trouble.

One: Give thanks to the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

Many: Hallelujah! Give thanks! Give thanks to God!

Amazing God, we honor and celebrate your presence among us. We rejoice in your goodness and delight in your wonderful works. We lament the suffering of the world and take courage that you are with us. We ask that you make your presence known to us. Speak, O God, for we attune our attention for your guidance. Receive our praise as we glorify your name! Amen.

*Please rise in body or spirit

A Time for Children

Scripture

Epistle Reading: Colossians 3:1-11 (pew Bible pg. 215)

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:13-21 (pew Bible pg. 76)

This Morning's Sermon

Rev. Bryan S. Breault

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Creator, we have been led astray by the systems that promote individuality, greed, absolutism, and patriarchy. We know that you forgive us because you invite us into new birth again and again. You invite us to embody new understandings of collectivity and new ways of acting in and towards the world – to be witness to the evils of patriarchy and supremacy and the politics of people, and ask us instead, to give gratitude and love. Be with us as we endeavor to become more of what you ask us to be – joyful in the journey towards reparations and true Grace.

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Sharing of the Elements

"Holy Manna"

arr. Mark Hayes

You are invited to come forward down the center aisle for the bread and cup.

We take the bread individually to symbolize our unique relationship with God, and we take the cup back to our seats, via the side aisle, wait, then drink together at the same time to symbolize our unity as the body of Christ.

The bread is gluten-free and the cup contains non-alcoholic grape juice. If you need the bread and cup brought to you, the deacons will serve you. Please raise your hand when they look to the congregation.

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.

Offering and Dedication of Pledges

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

"Gloria Deo!"

Mary Lynn Lightfoot
Duet: Eli Dale and Jess Doughty

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen."**

Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Hymn #80

"Savior, Again to Your Dear Name"

ELLERS

*Benediction

Following the Benediction, we invite you to join us for a time of fellowship and refreshment in Chapel Hall (through the door at the front left of the sanctuary). Those who wish to remain and listen to the postlude are welcome to move to the front pews or remain in your seat.

Postlude

"Fugue in G Major"

BWV 576 J. S. Bach



**DO YOU ENJOY PRAISING GOD IN SONG?
Join the State Street Church Choir!!**

No previous choral experience necessary!!

The ability to read music is
welcome, but not a requirement!

Open to high school students and older

3-4 Thursday rehearsals/month from 7:00pm- 8:30pm

Brief Rehearsal Sunday before the service at 9:15am

Brief rehearsal last Sunday of each month after the service

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.

Happening at State Street Church

Sun. Aug 3 10:00 am Worship Service

Wed. Aug 6 6:30 pm Current Events Grp
Thur. Aug 7 7:00 pm Contra Dance
Mon. Aug 18 7:00 pm Music Swap
Wed. Aug 20 1-3 pm Clothes Closet
Wed. Aug 20 3:00 pm Shelter Mgmt Mtng
Wed. Aug 20 6:30 pm Council Meeting
Thur. Aug 21 7:00 pm Contra Dance
Sun. Aug 24 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**, but only if there is not a "Funeral Home Only" sign at their lot entrance OR a there was not a "No Parking" notice in the State Street Church weekly email.
- 3. The Portland Club**, be sure to get a pass for your windshield from an usher!

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

Meaningful worship requires many people working together. We are grateful to everyone who worked to make this morning's service heartfelt and sincere.

Deacons: Tori Bachman, Steve Ouellette, Nor Dale

Ushers: Josh Davis, Eunice Bentley

Liturgist: Davis Balestracci

Fellowship Hour Host: Margy Soule

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Kyle Bertulli, Music Director and Organist
Kaylan Zipp, Christian Education Director
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