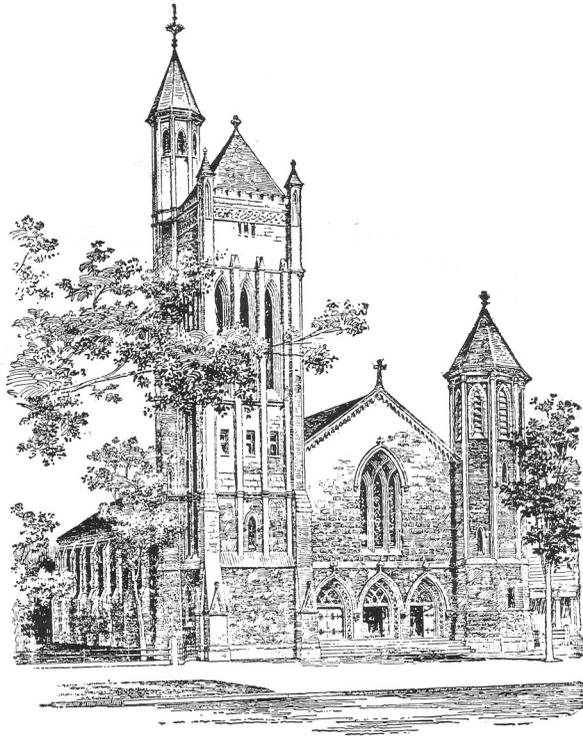


# State Street Church United Church of Christ

*An Open and Affirming Church*

June 19, 2022



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State Street Church, United Church of Christ  
June 19, 2022  
JUNETEENTH  
Father's Day

Gathering Music: Partita on *Jesu, priceless treasure*

Johann Gottfried  
(1684-1748)

Greetings and Announcements

Rev. Bryan S. Breault

Prelude: I want Jesus to walk with me\*

setting by David Maxwell

\*Call To Worship (by Rev. Dr. Leslie Copeland-Tune, COO, National Council of Churches)

Liturgist: Pat Taub

Leader: Today, we gather to remember, to reflect, to celebrate FREEDOM!

**Congregation: Freedom is not free. We thank You, O God, today for our freedom in You and remember those for whom freedom was so costly a price to pay.**

Leader: We remember those who were enslaved. We recognize that slavery tried to erase the humanity of so many of Your people – those who were enslaved and those who brutalized and dehumanized others, not realizing the cost for their own souls. Lord, have mercy!

**Congregation: Forgive us, O God. Help us to always treat one another as we want to be treated and to, above all, recognize that we are all created in Your image and likeness. We remember today. In Your mercy, O God, hear our prayers.**

Leader: We reflect on the gift of freedom today and the many ways that the struggle continues. We lament those who are still treated as less than Your very own as we recommit to fight for freedom and dignity for all of Your people.

**Congregation: Help us, O God, to be courageous in fighting for justice and righteousness for all of Your people until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream!**

\*Please rise in body or spirit

\*this is a beloved Spiritual

Leader: We celebrate today! For freedom has come and will come again. For those in cages at our borders, for those locked up in jail cells away from their families, for those who are caught up in human trafficking, for those living without clean water, for those trapped in the bondage of an opioid addiction – God as we celebrate freedom today, help us to continue the fight for freedom across the global village in every form and in every way.

**Congregation: We celebrate FREEDOM today! We celebrate with renewed determination, knowing that our work is not done and our task has not been fully accomplished until all of God’s children are truly free from bondage.**

**ALL: We remember, we reflect, we celebrate this Juneteenth. Thank You, O God, for reminding us that freedom is possible, necessary and a promise from You.**

\*Invocation (unison)

**Almighty God, we come to worship you today with open hearts and open minds. We want to hear and receive what you have to say to us in this service. Speak to us today as you spoke to those who went before us. Tell us the stories of your wonders and greatness. We are ready to hear them. Remind us once again of your grace and love. Help us teach your goodness to our children and the next generation. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn No. 574 In Egypt Under Pharaoh

*LANCASHIRE*

A Time For Children

Reading: “Something Needs to Be Done/After Martin Luther King Jr. by Maya Williams, from the Portland Press Herald, January 17, 2022 (copyright 2022)

Response – Hymn 570 We Shall Overcome, verse 1

The Lighting of the Peace Candle.

Prayer

Hymn No. 570 We Shall Overcome verse 6 (“We shall live in peace”)

Scripture

Hebrew Scripture: Psalm 43, pg 569

Christian Scripture: Galatians 3:25-29, pg. 199-

Sermon

Clothing Ourselves with Christ

Rev. Bryan S. Breault

\*Hymn No. 394 In Christ There is No East or West

*MCKEE*

Prayers

Naming

Silence

Pastoral Prayer

Our Lord's Prayer

Words of Assurance

**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 to offering

(offerings can be made on our website or in offering plates in the back of the church)

Offertory Anthem: Song of Freedom

setting by David Maxwell

\*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.**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Closing Hymn No. 526 Siyahamb'ekullhanyen' kewnhos'

(We Are Marching in the Light of God)

*SIYAHAMBA*

\*Benediction

Postlude: Sonata in C Major

Bernhard Romberg

(1776-1841)

Andrew Sawyer, cello

# In Egypt under Pharaoh

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*Doris Carlson, 1989*

*Exod. 1:1-14; 7:8-11:10; 14:21-31*

1. In E-gypt un-der Pha-raoh the Is-rael-ites were bound,  
from plagues and trib-u-la-tions no re-spite could be found.  
Praise God who in sur-pris-ing ways gave pas-sage through the waves.  
Our Lib-er-a-tor res-cues, our Lib-er-a-tor saves.
  
2. From Af-ri-ca to gang-planks, a-cross a friend-less sea,  
black cap-tives harsh-ly treat-ed all strug-gled to be free.  
Praise God who strength-ened ad-vo-cates with power that does and dares.  
Our Lib-er-a-tor res-cues, our Lib-er-a-tor cares.
  
3. Wher-ev-er hurt-ing hu-mans un-just-ly live in pain,  
the hun-gry, home-less, hope-less, cry out for growth and gain.  
Praise God whose great re-deem-ing love each ser-vant free-ly gives.  
Our Lib-er-a-tor res-cues, our Lib-er-a-tor lives!

*Doris Carlson wrote this text in 1989 for the United Church of*

*Tune: LANCASHIRE 7.6.7.6.D.*

\*Sung to the tune of “Lead On Eternal Sovereign” on the facing page in the hymnal

## In Christ There Is No East or West

*1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:28; Eph. 2:14-22**John Oxenham, 1908; alt.  
St. S. Laurence Hull Stookey, 1987*

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in Christ no South or North;  
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery-where their high com - mu - nion find;  
 3 In Christ is nei - ther Jew nor Greek, and nei - ther slave nor free;  
 4 In Christ now meet both East and West, in Christ meet South and North;

But one com - mu - ni - ty of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
 God's ser - vice is the gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
 For men and wom - en live in God, and all are kin to me.  
 One joy - ous, true com - mu - ni - ty through - out the whole wide earth.

*Singer and composer Harry T. Burleigh studied at the National*

Tune: McKEE C.M.

# Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'

(We Are Marching in the Light of God)

Ps. 89:15

South African freedom song; transl. Freedom Is Coming, 1984

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-khos', si - ya -  
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are

hamb' e - ku - kha-nyen' kwen-khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -  
march-ing in the light of God. We are march-ing in the

nyen' kwen - khos', Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya -  
kha - nyen' kwen-khos', We are march-ing, march-ing, we are  
light of God. the light of God. march-ing, we are

ham - ba, Oo, si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha-nyen' kwen-khos'.  
ham - ba, ham - ba, Oo, we are march-ing in the light of God.  
march-ing, march-ing, march-ing.

Thank you to our Deacons of the day Priscilla Bird and  
Margy Soule,

Thank you to our livestreaming support today, Cheryl Anderson and  
Denny Barrantes.

**This Week at State Street Church**

**Office Hours:** Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Fri. 9:00-12:00pm

**Sun. June 19**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

**Weds. June 22**

7:00 p.m. No More Tears Meeting

**Mon. June 20**

Office Closed

**Sun. June 26**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

11:00 a.m. Annual Meeting

**Tues. June 21**

7:00 p.m. Share and Live Meeting

**The office will be closed June 16th-20th.**

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.