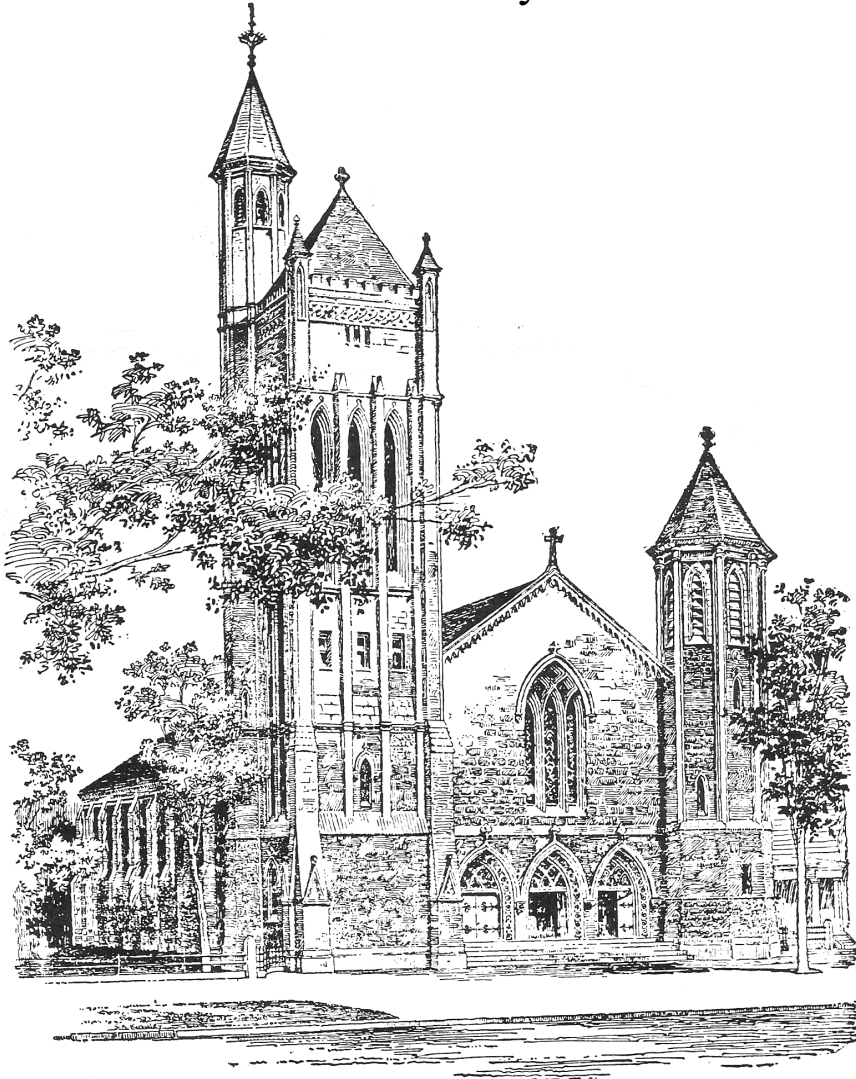


State Street Church
United Church of Christ
A Progressive Christian Open and Affirming Church
March 30, 2025
The Fourth Sunday in Lent



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The Third Sunday in Lent

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 "The Lord is My Shepherd" Darwin Wolford  
"Holy, Holy, Holy" arr. Mark Hayes

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

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 {See Insert} "How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place"

Stanzas 1-2, 4

MAROSA

\*Call to Worship

Liturgist: Paul Jones

One: Have you come far to be here today?

**Many: You enlarge our gathering: welcome!**

One: Have you come from around the corner?

**Many: You anchor our gathering: welcome!**

One: Do you seek sanctuary? Do you seek inspiration?

**Many: May this worship meet you.**

One: Do you come with purpose? Do you come with questions?

**Many: We welcome you as you are!**

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

\*Please rise in body or spirit

Invocation (unison)

**Holy One, we come into your presence and the presence of this fellowship. We are seeking hope and your healing light. Open us to know you, to receive you and find here your transforming love. Amen.**

A Time for Children

Scripture

Hebrew Scripture: Psalm 32 (pew Bible pg. 559)

Christian Scripture: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (pew Bible pg. 80)

This Morning's Sermon

Rev. Bryan S. Breault

A Time of Prayer

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

A Moment of Silence

Hymn #247 "My Shepherd is the Living God" CONSOLATION

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

Invitation

Offertory "Amazing Grace" arr. Jack Schrader

\*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 #209 "O Love, How Vast, How Flowing Free" DEUS TUORUM MILITUM

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

Postlude

"Prelude and Fugue in C Major" BWV 545

J. S. Bach

*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 30  
10:00 am Worship Service & Kids Church

Wed. Apr 2, 9, 16 1-3 pm Clothes Closet

Wed. Apr 9 3 pm Shelter Mgmt Meeting

Wed. Apr 16 6:30 pm Council Meeting

Thur. Apr 17 4 pm Maundy Thursday-  
Chapel Hall

**Sun. Apr 20 EASTER**

Mon. Apr 21 7-9 pm Music Swap

### **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 the "State Street Parking" sign is displayed.
- 3. The Portland Club**, be sure to get a pass for your windshield from an usher!

Deep gratitude to our **Deacons of the Day**, Josh Davis and Tori Bachman; our **Usher(s)**, Katy Rand and Devin Dukes; our **Fellowship Hour Host(s)**, Beth Panzini and Sally Decatur; our **Liturgist**, Paul Jones; our **Live Streamer** Ginger Raspiller; our **Kid's Church Leader(s)**, Chris Bachman; and our **Greeter**, Margy Soule.



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

