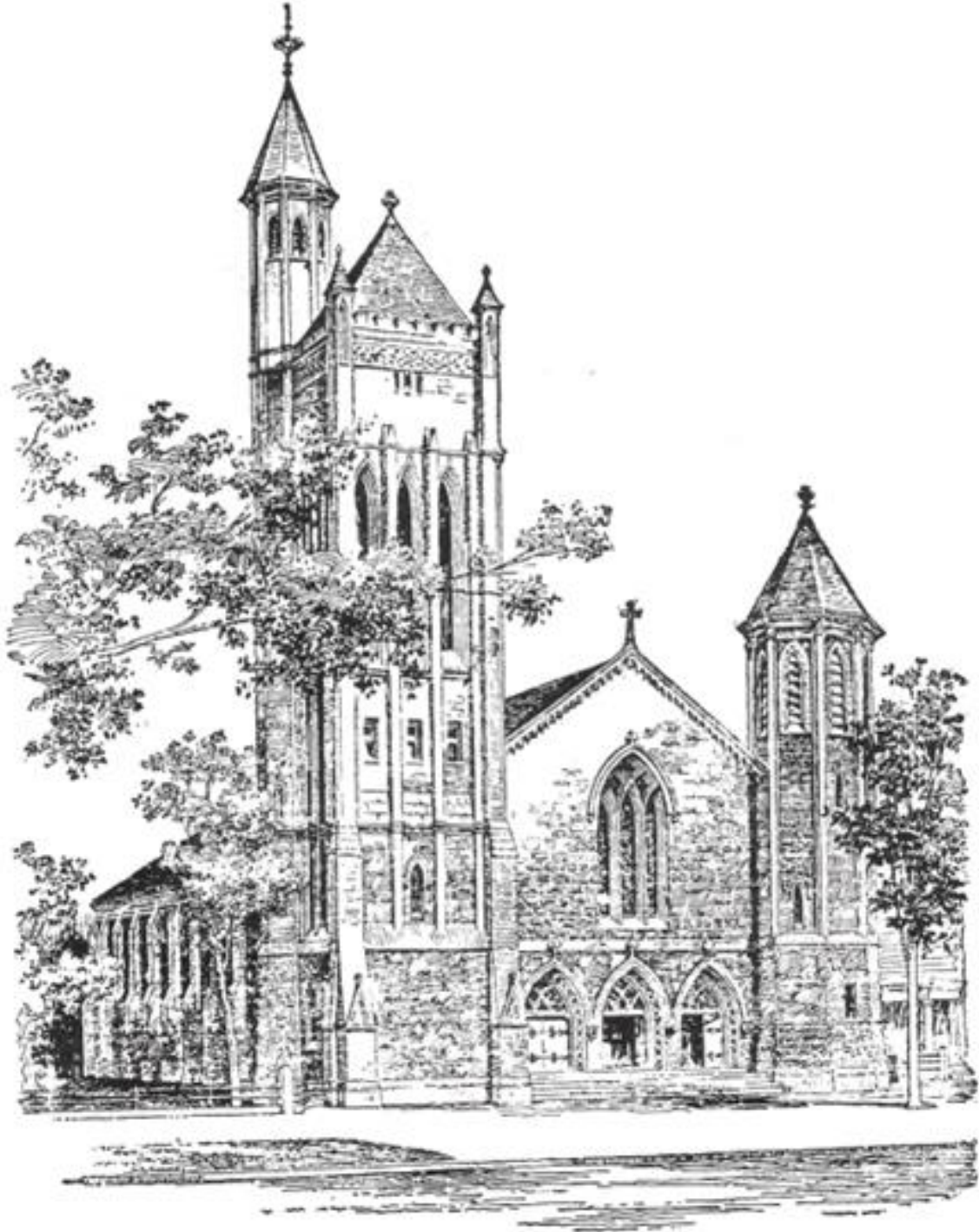


State Street Church

United Church of Christ

A Progressive Christian Open and Affirming Church

April 27, 2025



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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 | "Andante" (from Sonata #5)                       | Josef Rheinberger                     |
|         | "Because He Lives"                               | Arr. Cindy Berry                      |
| Aria:   | "The Trumpet Shall Sound" (from <i>Messiah</i> ) | G. F. Handel<br>Eugene Long, baritone |

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.)

A Moment of Silence

|                    |                                        |           |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------|
| *Opening Hymn #230 | "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain" | ST. KEVIN |
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One: What if we told you we come to this sanctuary because there is no safety behind locked doors.

**Many: Jesus speaks peace among us. We do not carry this all alone.**

One: What if we told you we gather together to remember that fear can't keep love from showing up.

**Many: Jesus breathes the spirit among us. We do not carry this all alone.**

One: What if we told you worship is a place where we touch the wounds this world makes in us.

**Many: Jesus reaches out his hands to us. We do not carry this all alone.**

One: What if we told you we join our hearts in prayer and praise to practice moving disbelief toward recognition.

**Many: Jesus tells truths among us. We do not carry this all alone.**

One: What if it was all true?

**Many: My Lord and my God! Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Prayer of Invocation (Unison)

**In the midst of our overwhelm and fear, Tender God, we do not expect to meet you. Yet you are here, among us, holding out your hands to us, breathing Spirit over us, showing us again and again that nothing can separate us from you. Surround us with your peace in this moment, Jesus; let our fears rest in you. Amen.**

\*Please rise in body or spirit

A Time for Children

A moment of blessing and farewell

Scripture

Hebrew Scripture: Psalm 118:14-29 (pew Bible pg. 626)

Christian Scripture: Acts 5:27-32 (pew Bible pg. 127)

This Morning's Sermon

Rev. Bryan S. Breault

A Time of Prayer

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

A Moment of Silence

Hymn #256 "We Live By Faith and Not By Sight" DUNLAP'S CREEK

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Mother, Father, 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 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" Lee Dengler

Doxology Easter Doxology (LASST UNS ERFREUEN)

Praise God, from whom all bles-sings flow; Praise God, all crea-tures here be -

low; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, you hea-v'nly

host; Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Hymn #245 "The Day of Resurrection" LANCASHIRE

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

Postlude "Variations on a Theme of Handel" Darwin Walford

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

# **Save The Date**

**Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**

9am-Noon

(show up anytime)

## **Spring Clean-Up**

We're looking for volunteers to help with our Spring clean-up

Contact Jeff Zamboni or Ginger Raspiller with questions



# **Call to Action**

**"Then God said, 'Let us make mankind in our image... so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals...'" Genesis 1:26-28**

**In Genesis, God calls us to "rule" over creation, but the original Hebrew points to stewardship, not domination. It's a call to care.** The Endangered Species Act (ESA) lives up to that calling. It's the reason Bald Eagles soar again and whales still sing. At its heart is a powerful idea: "harm" includes not just killing animals, but destroying the places they need to live, feed, and thrive. **Protecting creation means protecting life and home.**

The Administration has now called to remove the word 'harm,' which would make it easier to destroy the vulnerable habitats these animals rely on, threatening their survival. **Habitat loss due to logging and mining is the number one cause of extinction.**

**I ask that you make your voice heard through public comment:**

**<https://www.regulations.gov/commenton/FWS-HQ-ES-2025-0034-0001>**

Sincerely,  
Kaylyn Zipp, M.Sc



**We have 31 days to speak for gods creations who do  
not have a voice**

**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. | Apr 27     | 10:00 am | Worship Service & Kids Church |
| Sun. | Apr 27     | 11:30 am | Book Group                    |
| Wed. | May 7 & 14 | 1-3 pm   | Clothes Closet                |
| Wed. | May 7      | 6:30 pm  | Current Events Grp            |
| Sun. | May 11     | 11:30 am | Deacon's Meeting              |
| Wed. | May 14     | 5:30 pm  | Trustees Meeting              |
| Mon. | May 19     | 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; our **Fellowship Hour Host(s)**, Grace Braley, Bev Woodcock, & Margy Soule; our **Liturgist**, Nor Dale; our **Live Streamer** Tori Bachman; our **Kid's Church Leader(s)**, Sonia Barrantes & Jess Doughty; and our **Greeter**, Mort 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.

## **State Street Church, United Church of Christ**

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