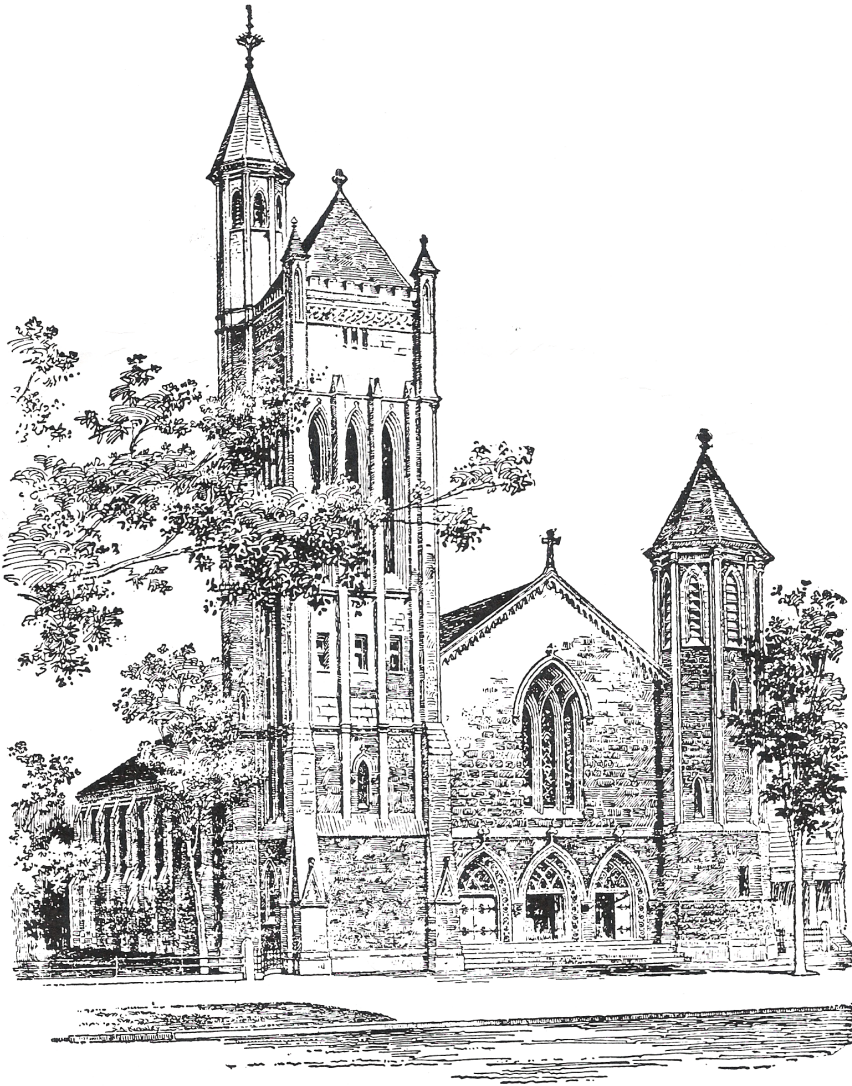


State Street Church
United Church of Christ
A Progressive Christian Open and Affirming Church

May 18, 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 "Preludes on Psalms 37 and 23" Herbert Howells

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 Centering Silence

\*Opening Hymn 4 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You" HYMN TO JOY

\*Call to Worship Liturgist: Nor Dale

One: Imagine. . . a place where all are welcome. . .

**Many: . . . and everyone hears the sound of their name.**

One: Imagine. . . everyone having enough food and water. . .

**Many: . . .and a home free of hatred and fear.**

One: Imagine. . . a place where creativity is valued. . .

**Many: . . . and the spirit is nurtured in love.**

One: Imagine. . .

**Many: . . . just imagine. . .**

One: . . .this is that place.

**Invocation** (unison)

**We praise You, O God, for the gift of creation and the surprise of recreation.  
Open our eyes to see new things. Open our minds to think fresh thoughts.  
Open our communities to welcome new friends and new partners. Open our  
spirits to follow Your Spirit. Amen.**

\*Please rise in body or spirit

A Time for Children

"It's Pilgrimlogical!"  
"How Could Anyone"

How could anyone ever tell you, You are anything less than beautiful?  
How could anyone ever tell you, You are less than whole?  
How could anyone fail to notice that your loving is a miracle.  
How deeply you're connected to my soul.

Scripture

Christian Scripture: Revelation 21:1-6 (pew Bible pg. 282)

Christian Scripture: Acts 11:1-18 (pew Bible pg. 135)

This Morning's Sermon

"Just Imagine"

Rev. Joyce A. Long

A Time of Prayer

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

A Moment of Silence

Hymn 499

"In All Our Living"

PUES SI VIVIMOS

Vs. 1-2 in English, followed by vs. in Spanish

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

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

John Rutter

\*Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise God all creatures here below.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God above all heavenly host.**

**Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Closing Hymn 570

"We Shall Overcome"

WE SHALL OVERCOME

\*Benediction

Benediction Response

*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. | May 18 | 10:00 am | Worship Service & Kids Church |
| Mon. | May 19 | 7-9pm    | Music Swap                    |
| Wed. | May 21 | 1:30pm   | Clothes Closet                |
| Wed. | May 21 | 6:30pm   | Council Meeting               |
| Sun. | May 25 | 11:30am  | Book Group                    |
| Mon. | May 26 |          | Memorial Day                  |

### **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!

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

Deep gratitude to our **Deacons of the Day**, Priscillia Bird, Tori Bachman and Nor Dale; our **Usher(s)**, Katy Rand and Josh Davis; our **Fellowship Hour Host(s)**, Mary Buteyn and Barry Hosmer; our **Liturgist**, Nor Dale; our **Live Streamer** Tori Bachman; our **Kid's Church Leader(s)**, Chris Bachman; and our **Greeter**, Ginger Raspiller.

**An easy way to support State Street Church: scan the QR code with your phone!**



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

