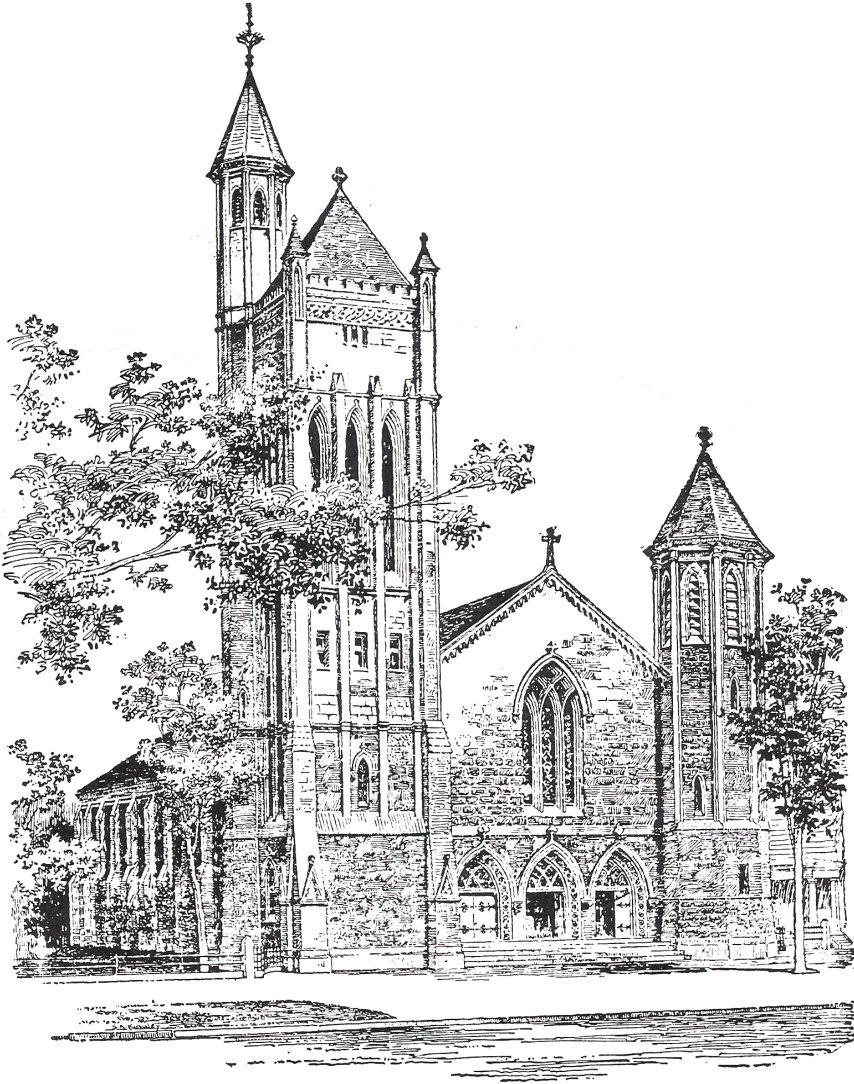


State Street Church
United Church of Christ
A Progressive Open and Affirming Church

August 31, 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

"O Paradise"

Malcolm Williamson

Greetings, Introductions, and Announcements

\*Passing of the Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ 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 #8

"Praise to the Living God"

DIADEMATA

\*Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 81 and 112)

Paul Gordon

One: Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to God.

**Many: Happy are those who revere the Holy One. Generation to generation delight in God's blessings.**

One: Sing aloud to God our righteousness; shout for peace to God.

**Many: We rise from the depths in mercy, grace, and justice.**

One: Sing aloud to God our hope; shout for love to God.

**Many: Our hearts are steady and secure. Worship the Holy One!**

\*Invocation (unison)

**God of Glory, we acknowledge your presence among us as we gather. You have knit us together as a community. In your kingdom, the first will be last and the last will be first. Come near to us. Dwell in the praises we voice, in the hope to which we cling, and the love that persists. Reveal yourself to us, and we will declare and spread your goodness in the land of the living. Amen.**

## A Time for Children

### Scripture

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 13:1-7, 16

(pew Bible pg. 244)

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:1, 7-14

(pew Bible pg. 78)

### This Morning's Sermon

Rev. Bryan S. Breault

### A Time of Prayer

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

A Moment of Silence

Hymn #507

"Jesus--The Very Thought to Me"

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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.**

### 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

Aria in F from Variations on "Leoni"

John S. Dixon

\*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

**Praise God, all creatures here below,**

**Praise God above, you heav'nly host,**

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

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Closing Hymn #42

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

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\*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

Hornpipe in D

John S. Dixon

**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 31 10:00 am Worship Service

Wed. Sep 3 1-3 pm Clothes Closet  
Wed. Sep 3 6:30 pm Current Events Group  
Thur. Sep 4 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal  
Thur. Sep 4 7:00 pm Contra Dance  
Wed. Sep 10 1-3 pm Clothes Closet  
Wed. Sep 10 5:30 pm Trustees Meeting  
Thur. Sep 11 7:00 pm Contra Dance  
Mon. Sep 15 7:00 pm Music Swap  
Tue. Sep 16 7:00 pm Meditation Class  
Wed. Sep 17 1-3 pm Clothes Closet  
Wed. Sep 17 6:30 pm Council Meeting

### **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 there is 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:** Denny Barrantes and Nor Dale

**Guest** John Williams

**Organist:**

**Liturgist:** Paul Gordon

**Live Streamer:** Ginger Raspiller

**Ushers:** Katy Rand

**Fellowship Hosts:** Sue Welch and Dominique Gabel

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

