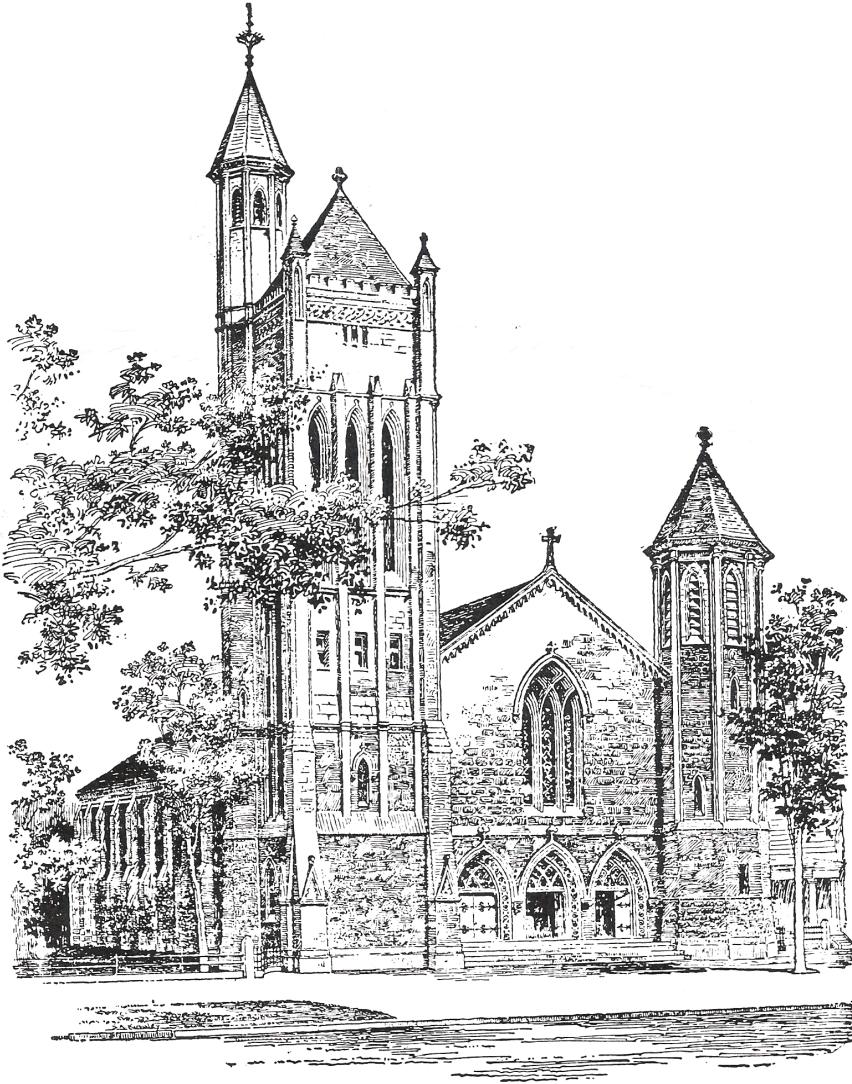


State Street Church
United Church of Christ
A Progressive Open and Affirming Church

September 21, 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 | "Organ Concerto #6" (Larghetto) | G. F. Handel      |
|         | "Sonata #2" (Grave-Allegro)     | Josef Rheinberger |

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

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| *Opening Hymn #86 | "When Morning Guilds the Skies" | LAUDES DOMINI |
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| *Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 113) | Davis Balestracci |
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One: Praise the Holy One! From the rising of the sun until its setting, the name of God deserves our praise!

**Many:** Who is like our God...seated on high?

One: Praise the Most High, who observes all things and remembers the poor and those in need.

**Many:** God our Righteousness raises the lowly and levels the exalted.

One: Praise the Righteous One, who is just and mighty, who repairs and redeems.

**Many: The Redeemer pours out love and justice, compassion and conviction, hope and salvation. Praise the Holy One!**

## \*Invocation (unison)

**Great God, who gathers us together in spirit and in truth, sanctify our time together. Grant us wisdom and discernment. Open our hearts to receive and to give. Be glorified in our worship and the transformation that moves us forward as your people. In your glorious and precious name, we pray. Amen.**

\*Please rise in body or spirit

## A Time for Children

### Scripture

Hebrew Scripture: Amos 8:4-7

(pew Bible pg. 954)

Christian Scripture: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

(pew Bible pg. 224)

### This Morning's Sermon

Rev. Bryan S. Breault

### A Time of Prayer

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

A Moment of Silence

Hymn #553

"There is a Balm in Gilead"

BALM IN GILEAD

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

"The Heavens Are Telling"

L. van Beethoven

\*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 #23

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

IN BABILONE

\*Benediction

Benediction Response

*Everyone is welcome to coffee hour in Chapel Hall (through the door at the front left of the sanctuary) following the start of the Postlude. Those who wish to listen to the Postlude are welcome to sit in the front pews if they prefer.*

Postlude

"Prelude in Classic Style"

Gordon Young

**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. Sep 21 10:00 am Worship Service  
Sun. Sep 28 11:30 am Book Group  
Wed. Oct 1 1-3 pm Clothes Closet  
Wed. Oct 1 6:30 pm Current Events Group  
Wed. Oct 8 1-3 pm Clothes Closet  
Wed. Oct 8 5:30 pm Trustees Meeting  
Sun. Oct 12 11:30 am Deacon's Meeting  
Tue. Oct 14 7:00 pm Meditation Class

### **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:** Josh Davis and Nor Dale

**Live Streamer:** Tori Bachman

**Liturgist:** Davis Balestracci

**Ushers:** Jeff Zamboni and Sally Decatur

**Fellowship Hosts:** Sue Welch and Beth Panzini

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## **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

