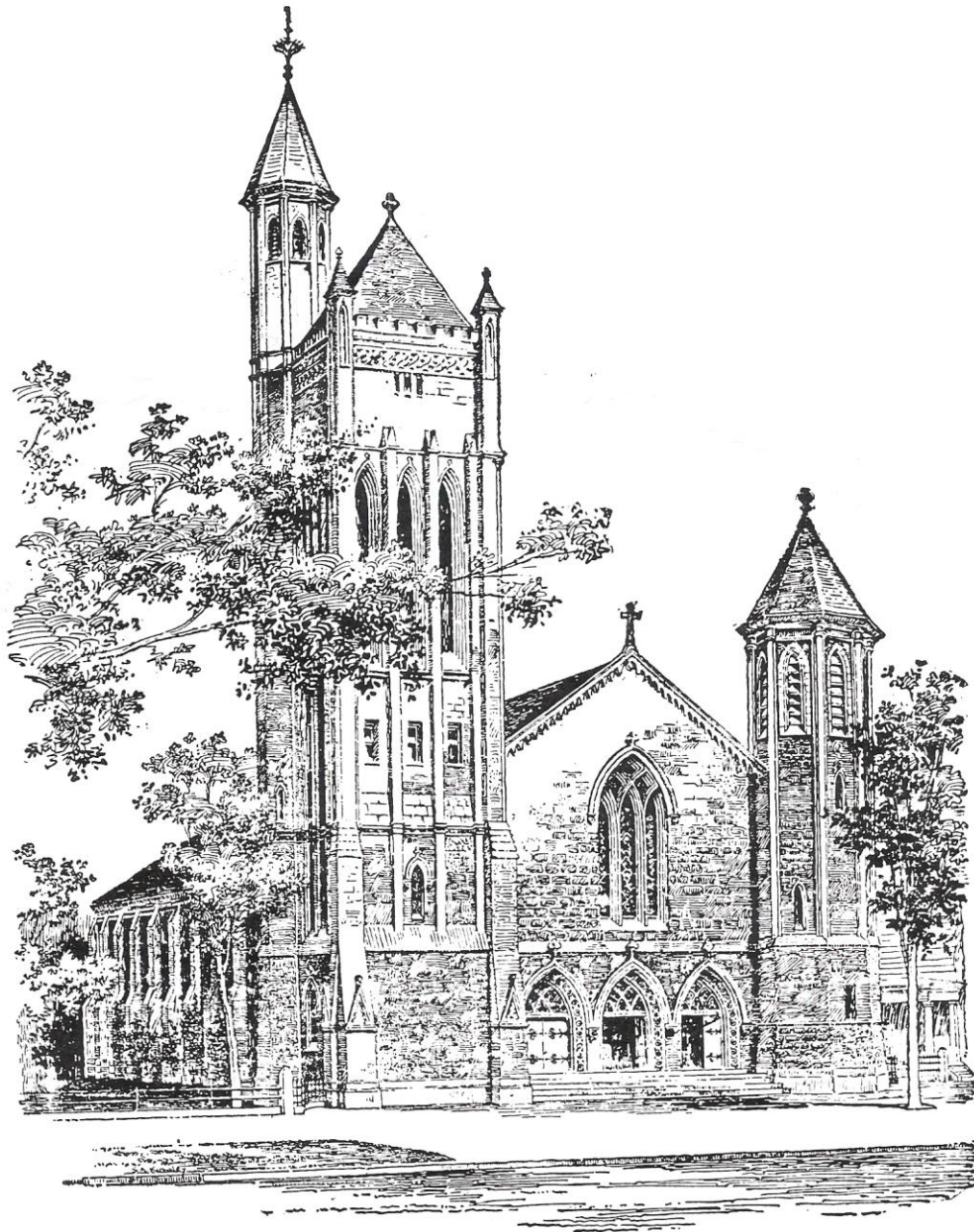


State Street Church

United Church of Christ
A Progressive Open and Affirming Church

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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 | "Cantilene Gabriel Pierne" | Gabriel Pierne |
|         | Trumpet Tune in G Major    | Jon Roberts    |

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

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| *Opening Hymn #423 | "Great is Your Faithfulness" | FAITHFULNESS |
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| *Call To Worship (Inspired by Psalm 37) | Paul Gordon |
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One:                   Do not despair at the acts of the wicked.

**Many:               Trust in God. Scatter the seeds of justice in our world.**

One:                   Do not desire or trust in the power of worldly empires.

**Many:               Delight in the power of God whose light fills our souls.**

One:                   Do not embrace wrath or resentment; find patience in times of shadows.

**Many:               Commit to the ways of God. Trust in the Holy One as Divine Love  
fills our earth.**

\*Please rise in body or spirit

Prayer of Invocation (Unison)

**Holy Assurance,**

**The cobwebs of doubt spread as we notice divisions and injustices grow. We are uncertain of your presence and have great doubt of the ways you work through us. As we seek your presence among us, clear our minds of the distractions. As mercy blossoms, our doubts will transform to belief. Fill our souls with hope. May we know that your Realm abides around us. Amen.**

A Time for Children

Scripture

Hebrew Reading: Lamentations 3:19-26

(pew Bible pg. 852)

Christian Reading: 2 Corinthians: 7-12,  
16-18

(pew Bible pg. 192)

This Morning's Sermon

Rev. Bryan S. Breault

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Spirit of Encouragement,**

**You thrive in our times of doubt. Your work takes root even if the drought of fear destroys our fertile soil. Yet we allow our mistrust of you and our neighbors to disturb our growth. We ask you to increase our faith when we are refusing to cultivate it. Motivate us to seek new ways of exploring our faith. Embolden us to trust even when fear creeps into our minds. Amen.**

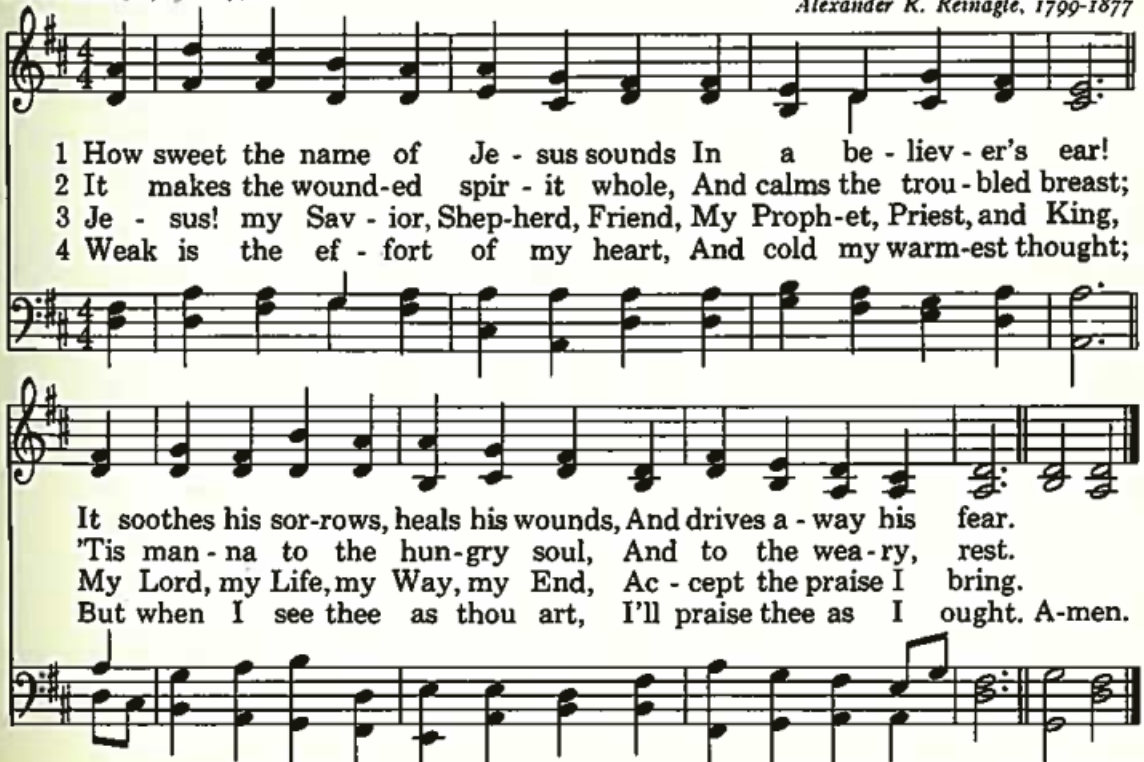
God's Assurance of Forgiveness

"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"  
Stanzas 1-3

ST. PETER

**How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds** **221**

*John Newton, 1725-1807, alt.* ST. PETER C.M.  
*Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799-1877*



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds In a be - liev - er's ear!  
2 It makes the wound-ed spir - it whole, And calms the trou - bled breast;  
3 Je - sus! my Sav - ior, Shep-herd, Friend, My Proph-et, Priest, and King,  
4 Weak is the ef - fort of my heart, And cold my warm-est thought;

It soothes his sor-rows, heals his wounds, And drives a - way his fear.  
'Tis man - na to the hun-gry soul, And to the wea-ry, rest.  
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, Ac - cept the praise I bring.  
But when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought. A-men.

*A higher setting may be found at No. 414* CHARACTER AND GLORY

Silence

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

Breaking of the Bread

Sharing of the Elements

*You are invited to come forward down the center aisle for the bread and cup. We take the bread individually to symbolize our unique relationship with God, and we take the cup back to our seats, via the side aisle, wait, then drink together at the same time to symbolize our unity as the body of Christ.*

*The bread is gluten-free and the cup contains non-alcoholic grape juice. If you need the bread and cup brought to you, the deacons will serve you. Please raise your hand when they look to the congregation.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

**Thank you, God, for this feast of life. We are fed by your love; we are strengthened by your life. We are sent forth into this world to live into the vision God has laid on our hearts. We are now commissioned to feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, love as we have been loved. Thanks be to God.**

## 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

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| Offertory | "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" | Virgil Thomson |
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| *Doxology |  | OLD HUNDREDTH |
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**"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures here below,  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host,  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen."**

## Prayer of Dedication

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| *Closing Hymn #366 | "God of Our Life" | SANDON |
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## \*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.*

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| Postlude | "Voluntary on Old Hundredth" | Henry Purcell |
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Help us shine! The donation of your pre-loved jewelry – from necklaces and earrings to bracelets and rings – can benefit the annual State Street Holiday Fair.

For your convenience, we've installed a red lock box on the hutch in the hallway by the church office.

Please feel free to **drop your items in the secure lock box during the month of October.**

**In tandem --** Do you have a class ring you no longer wear, or which is broken or no longer fits?

Last year we were pleased when we realized the benefit of the gold value in two 10K class rings.

This year, we have a new separate fundraising goal of raising \$5,000 to help balance the church's annual budget. If we can collect just 7 gold class rings during our "Holiday Fair Class Ring Drive", we could achieve this goal! Rings (and any additional gold items which will also be part of the drive) can be safely deposited in the red lock box during the month of October.

Thank you for your generosity.

**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. Oct 5 10:00 am Worship Service  
Wed. Oct 8 12:30-2:30 Clothes Closet  
Sun. Oct 12 11:30 am Deacon's Meeting  
Tue. Oct 14 7:00 pm Meditation Class  
Wed. Oct 15 12:30-2:30 Clothes Closet  
Wed. Oct 15 3:00 pm Shelter Meeting  
Wed. Oct 15 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 a there was 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:** Priscilla Bird, Steve Ouellette, Nor Dale  
**Ushers:** Jeff Zamboni  
**Liturgist:** Paul Gordon  
**Fellowship Hour Host:** Dominique Gabel and Margy Soule  
**Greeter:** Mort Soule

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

