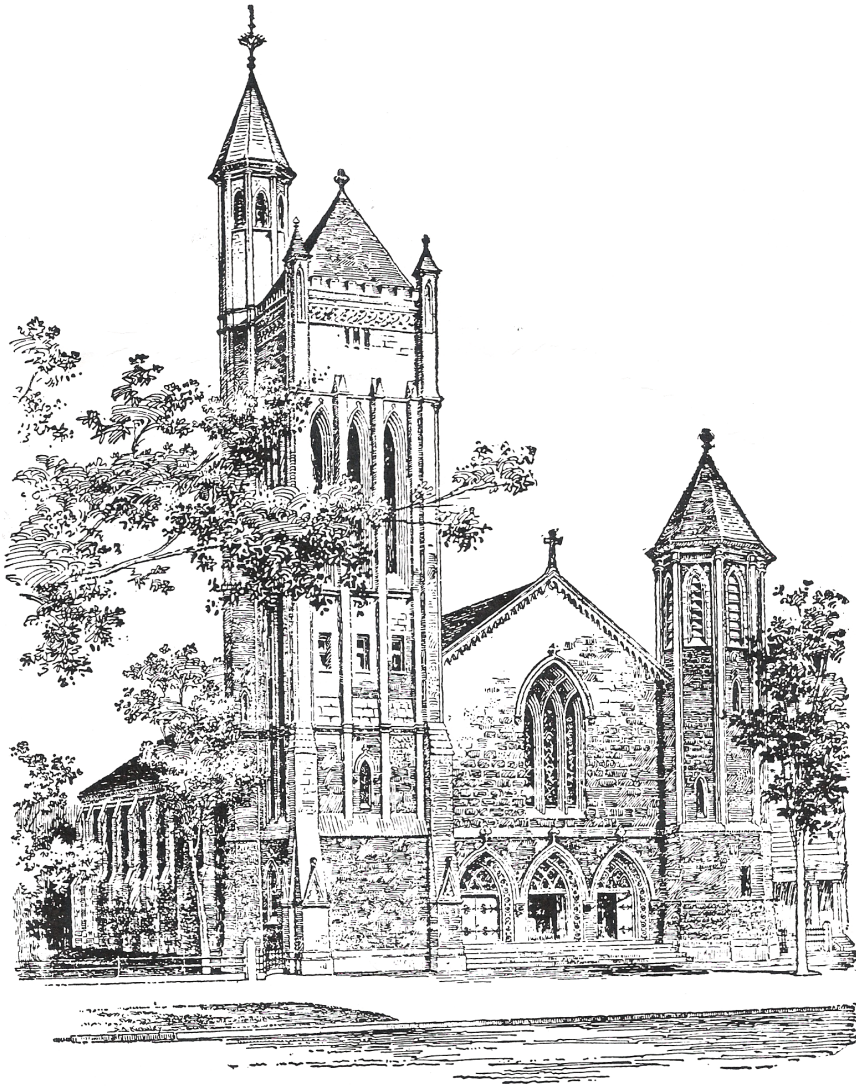


State Street Church
United Church of Christ
A Progressive Open and Affirming Church

November 9, 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 "Fantasie in C Major" Cesar Franck

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 #6 "Sing Praise to God, Our Highest Good" MIT FREUDEN ZART  
stanzas 1-3, 6

\*Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 17) Zareen Mirza

One: Guard me as the apple of your eye, O God.

**Many: You wondrously show us your steadfast peace**

One: Hide me in the shadow of your wings, Divine Spirit.

**Many: You wondrously show us your steadfast strength.**

One: I behold your face in righteousness, Christ of Hope.

**Many: You wondrously show us your steadfast love.**

\*Invocation (unison)

**God of Love, Divine Traveler,**

**We see only a fraction of your presence, God. We know you only in part, as we experience this world with our senses, our experiences, and what is tangibly in front of us. How does the sacredness of each earthly breath draw us closer to your presence on this side of Heaven? May we grasp the beauty of this world, even on the gloomy days. May we cherish our relationships here on earth even when times are challenging. May we know that God is forever present with us and will care for us as we arrive at our eternal home on the other side of Heaven. Amen.**

\*Please rise in body or spirit

## A Time for Children

### Scripture

Hebrew Scripture Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 (pew Bible pg. 643)  
Christian Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 (pew Bible pg. 221)

### This Morning's Sermon

Rev. Bryan S. Breault

### A Time of Prayer

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

A Moment of Silence

Hymn #425 "For the Fruit of All Creation"

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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.**

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 Lord is Here"

John Carter

\*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 #522

"I Love to Tell the Story"

HANKEY

\*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

"Voluntary" (from Baroques Suite)

Seth Bingham

**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 and diverse 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. Nov 9 10:00 am Worship Service

Sun. Nov 9 11:30 am Deacon's Meeting

Wed. Nov 12 12:30-2:30 pm Clothes Closet

Wed. Nov 12 3 pm Shelter Mgmt Meeting

Wed. Nov 12 5:30 pm Trustees Meeting

Mon. Nov 17 7-9 pm Music Swap

Wed. Nov 19 12:30-2:30 pm Clothes Closet

Wed. Nov 19 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

**Live Streamer:** Ginger Raspiller

**Liturgist:** Zareen Mirza

**Greeter:** Steve Conroy

**Ushers:** Katy Rand and Landis Gabel

**Fellowship Hosts:** Mary Buteyn and Barry Hosmer

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

