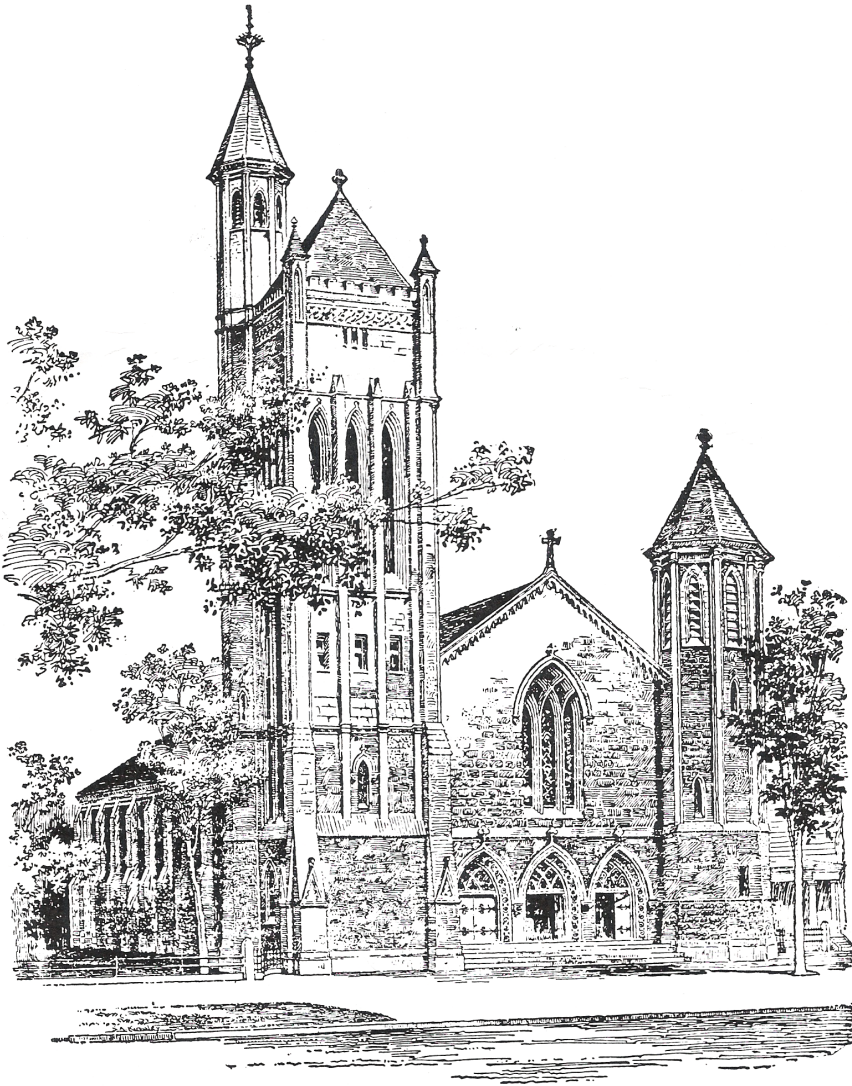


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United Church of Christ
A Progressive Open and Affirming Church

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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

"Cantabile"  
"Miniature Suite for Organ" (Intrada)

Cesar Franck  
John Ireland

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 #43

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

BEECHER

\*Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 98)

Larry Reilly

One: O Sing to our Creator a New Song,

**Many: Make a joyful noise to God, everyone!**

One: With trumpets and sounds of the horn

**Many: We create joyful sounds for you, God of love.**

One: The hills will sing together in bliss.

**Many: Just as the sea roars and the artists rhyme, we serenade our Creator.**

\*Invocation (unison)

**Beloved Divine Sustainer,**

**Like the sunlight, your presence illuminates the world around us. Like the air, your being invigorates us. Even when the world seems to be on fire, your quenching rain soothes our souls. Through your wisdom, we find our hope and strength. Fill our minds with your peace and our hearts with fortitude, knowing you will never depart from us. Amen.**

## A Time for Children

### The Sacrament of Baptism (see insert)

#### Scripture

|                     |                   |                     |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Hebrew Scripture    | Ezekiel 36:24–28  | (pew Bible pg. 897) |
| Christian Scripture | Galations 3:23-29 | (pew Bible pg. 200) |

#### This Morning's Sermon

Rev. Bryan S. Breault

#### A Time of Prayer

A Moment of Silence

Hymn #531 "God, Speak to Me That I May Speak" CANONBURY

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 "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" arr. Healey Willan

\*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 #451

"Be Now My Vision"

SLANE

#### \*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

"Miniature Suite for Organ" (Minuetto-Impromptu)

John Ireland

**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 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 16 10:00 am Worship Service

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

Wed. Nov 19 6:30 pm Council Meeting

Sun. Nov 23 11:30 am Book Group

Wed. Dec 3 12:30-2:30 pm Clothes Closet

Wed. Dec 3 6:30 pm Current Events Group

### **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

**Live Streamer:** Ginger Raspiller

**Liturgist:** Larry Reilly

**Greeter:** Mort Soule

**Ushers:** Denny Barrantes and Landis Gabel

**Fellowship Hosts:** Bev Woodcock and Margy Soule

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Kyle Bertulli, Music Director and Organist  
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