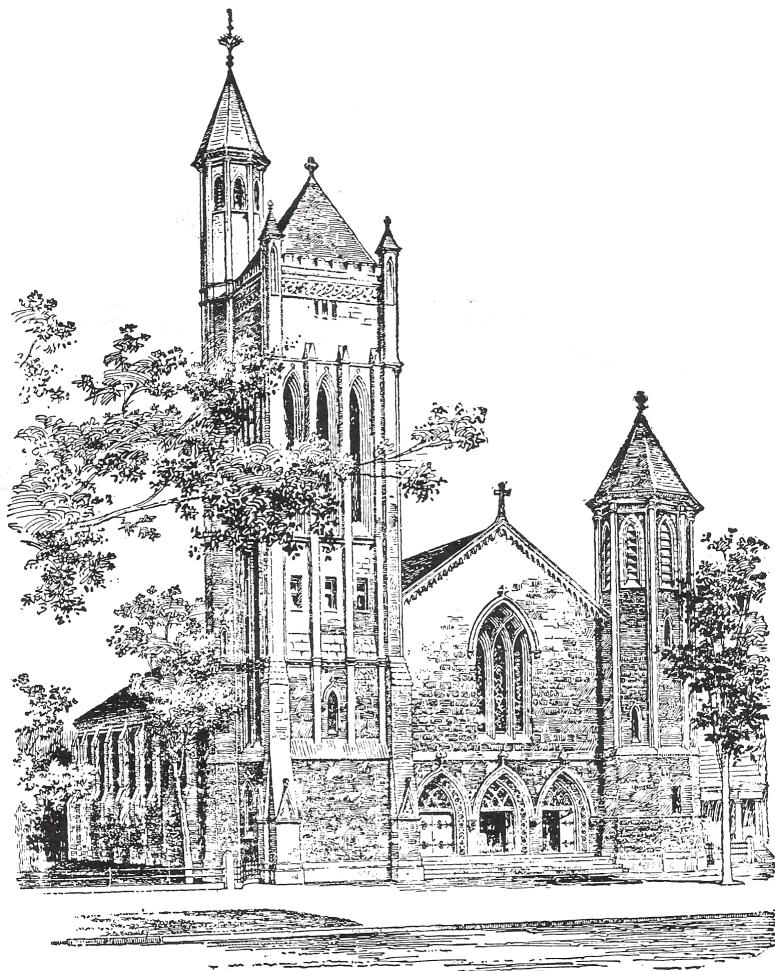


State Street Church
United Church of Christ
A Progressive Christian Church

February 8, 2026



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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.

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 #524 "This Little Light of Mine" THIS JOY**

*Call to Worship Zareen Mirza

One: A new song is rising—

Many: A song that frees, A rhythm that restores, A melody of reparation.

One: Shout to the builders, the dreamers, the stubbornly hopeful:

Many: The time has come for burdens to lift, For the grip of harm to loosen,
For the rebuilding what has been broken.

One: Come, Beloved Community, Come. bring your resolve, your compassion, your wide-awake faith.

All: Let us worship the God who calls us to remove every yoke.

***Invocation (in unison)**

God of Justice, we come into this moment carrying the weight of our days—the strain we feel in our bodies, the struggle we witness in our neighbors, the burdens that press on our shared life. Gather our scattered breath. Steady our trembling places. Kindle in us a courage that does not look away. You refuse empty rituals and meet us instead in acts of mercy, in the work of lifting burdens. Open us now—open our hearts to compassion, open our hands to the work of freeing one another. Let this time be honest, let this gathering be brave, and let your Spirit move among us. Speak to us. Lead us. Remake us for your justice and joy. Amen.

*Please rise in body or spirit

A Time for Children

Scripture

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 58:1-12

(pew Bible pg. 763)

Christian Scripture: Matthew 5:13-20

(pew Bible pg. 4)

This Morning's Sermon

Rev. Bryan Breault

A Time of Prayer

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

A Moment of Silence

Hymn #294

"There's a Spirit in the Air"

stanzas 1, 5-7 (1, 5, 6, 7)

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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

"Deus Misereatur"

Hermann Kotzschmar

State Street Church Music Director (1898-1903)

Quartet: Joyce Long, soprano; Eli Dale; alto,

John Williams, tenor; Eugene Long, bass

*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 #573

"Lead On, Eternal Sovereign"

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*Benediction

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

"Organ Concerto #10" (Allegro)

G. F. Handel

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. Feb 8 10:00am Worship Service

Sun. Feb 8 After Service, **Brief View of the Church's Musical History**
(Music Room)

Sun. Feb 8 11:30am Deacon's Meeting

Wed. Feb 11 12:30pm Clothes Closet

Wed. Feb 11 5:30pm Trustees Meeting

Mon. Feb 16 7:00pm Music Swap

Wed. Feb 18 3:00pm Shelter Meeting

Wed. Feb 18 6:30pm Council Meeting

Parking

- Street Parking** is free on Sunday
- Reiche School**
(5 minute walk)
- Cumberland Club**
(near the corner of Park St and Spring St)

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: Tori Bachman and Nor Dale

Greeter: Ginger Raspiller

Liturgist: Zareen Mirza

Live Streamer: Denny Barrantes

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

