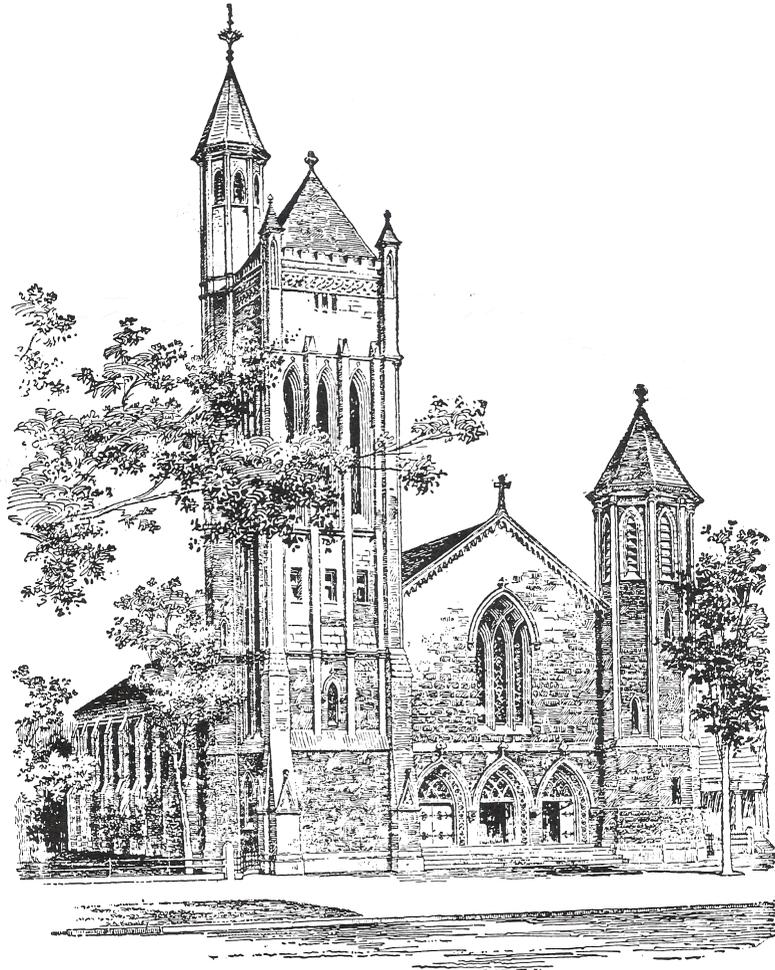


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The First Sunday of Lent

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 "Sonata #6 in D minor on Vater unser" (Our Father) Felix Mendelssohn  
Choral and Variations

Fugue  
Andante

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.)

Crossing the Threshold

Invitation

Lenten Response {insert} "God Be in My Head"

Silence

Prayer of Approach

\*Opening Hymn #205 "Forty Days and Forty Nights" HEINLEIN

\*Call to Worship Barbara Conroy

One: Then the Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness.

**Many: Come, beloveds, into the wilderness of our heartbreaking and troubled days.**

One: In the midst of our clinging to power, lured by the ease of complicity,

**Many: This Lenten journey promises prayer and turning around.**

One: The Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness.

**Many: Come, beloveds, to worship, venturing deeper and deeper into the wilderness of our broken and beautiful world.**

\*Invocation (in unison)

**In the wilderness and the wandering and the weariness, lead us, Holy Spirit. In the hungering and the holding and the humbling, accompany us, Holy Spirit. Ground in us, as we ground in you. Breathe with us, as we breathe with you. Turn with us, as we turn toward you. As the new way emerges, we pray. Amen.**

\*Please rise in body or spirit

## A Time for Children

### Scripture

Hebrew Scripture: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

(pew Bible pg. 2)

Christian Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11

(pew Bible pg. 3)

### This Morning's Sermon

Rev. Bryan Breault

### A Time of Prayer

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

A Moment of Silence

Sing! #61

"Call to Prayer"

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

"Spirit of God, "Descend Upon My Heart"

arr. Mark Hayes

\*Doxology

VIENNA

**Take my will; your will be done!**

**Make your will and mine be one.**

**Take my heart, and by your grace**

**Make of it your dwelling place. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Closing Hymn {insert} "O Love, How Vast, How Flowing Free" DEUS TUORUM MILITUM

### \*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

"Toccatina in D minor" (Dorian) BWV 538

J. S. Bach

**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 22 10:00am Worship Service

Sun. Feb 22 11:30am Book Group

Sat. Feb 28 Women's Retreat

Wed. Mar 4 12:30pm Clothes Closet

Mon. Mar 16 7:00pm Music Swap

Wed. Mar 18 12:30pm Clothes Closet

Wed. Mar 18 3:30pm Shelter Meeting

Wed. Mar 18 6:30pm Council Meeting

### **Parking**

- 1. Street Parking** is free on Sunday
- 2. Reiche School**  
(5 minute walk)
- 3. 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:** Denny Barrantes and Nor Dale

**Greeter:** Mort Soule

**Liturgist:** Barbara Conroy

**Live Streamer:** Tori Bachman

**Ushers:** Landis Gabel

**Fellowship Hosts:** Steve Conroy and Sally Decatur

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Reverend Bryan S. Breault, Pastor  
Kyle Bertulli, Music Director and Organist  
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