

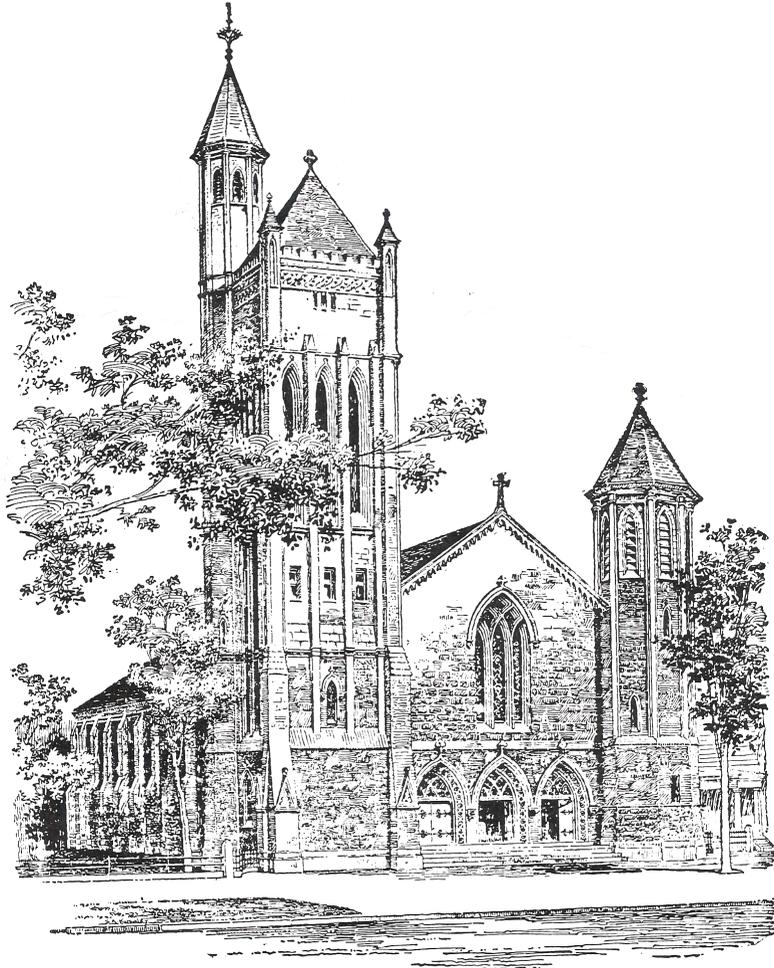
State Street Church

United Church of Christ

A Progressive Christian Church

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The Third Sunday of Lent



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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 "Chorale Prelude on Abridge" C. S. Lang  
"Meditation on a Theme by Alexander Schreiner" Darwin Wolford

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)

Crossing the Threshold

Invitation

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

Silence

Prayer of Approach

\*Opening Hymn #489 "I Have Heard the Voice of Jesus" EVAN

\*Call to Worship John Williams

One: In our bones, there are lineages; we carry the seeds of division and the seeds of connection. Look around you and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.

**Many: We are called to prayer that reaps with honesty and awareness what our ancestors have sown.**

One: In our cells, there are lineages; we carry the genes of harm and the genes of flourishing. Look around you and see how we are part of one another.

**Many: We are called to devotion that holds with tenderness and justice what our ancestors have enfleshed.**

One: In our sanctuaries, there are lineages; we carry the kernels of domination and the kernels of interdependence. Look around you and see how roots run deep.

**Many: We are called to praise that tills with care and clarity what our ancestors have composted.**

One: In our nation, there are lineages; we carry the marrow of chains and the marrow of freedom. Look around you and see how beneath us the water of life flows.

**Many: We are called to worship that thirsts with passion and courage for what our ancestors have dreamed.**

\*Invocation (in unison)

**Into the stream of those who have labored before us, Spirit, let us flow. Into the river that rolls down with justice, Spirit, let us step. Into the well that is deeper than our divisions, Spirit, let us draw. In this moment, in every moment, we pray: give us this water, Jesus, so we will never be thirsty again. Amen.**

\*Please rise in body or spirit

A Time for Children  
Scripture

Hebrew Scripture: Psalm 95 (pew Bible pg. 608)  
Christian Scripture: Romans 5: 1-11 (pew Bible pg. 162)

This Morning's Sermon "A Time for Grace" Rev. Sally Colegrove

A Time of Prayer

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

A Moment of Silence

Hymn #326 "Crashing Waters at Creation" STUTTGART

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 "Offertory" John Ness Beck

\*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 #18 "Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer" CWM RHONDA

\*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 "Fugue in G minor on B-A-C-H" Robert Schumann

Today's service is being livestreamed and will be posted on YouTube.com

**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. Mar 8 10:00am Worship Service  
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 & Spring St)

### **\*\*\* EASTER FLOWERS \*\*\***

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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:** Steve Conroy

**Liturgist:** John Williams

**Live Streamer:** Tori Bachman

**Ushers:** Katy Rand and Sally Decatur

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

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Kyle Bertulli, Music Director and Organist  
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