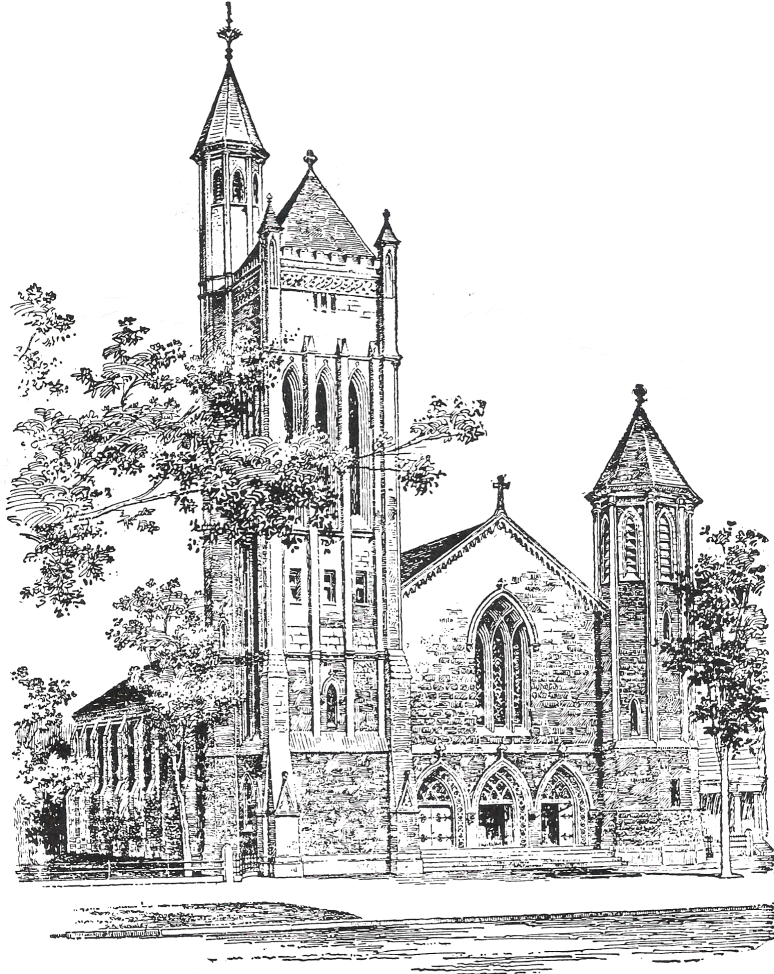


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A Progressive Christian Church

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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 "Adagio" (from Sonata #1) Felix Mendelssohn  
"Adagio" (from Symphony #5) C. M. Widor

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 #230 "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain" ST. KEVIN

\*Call to Worship Paul Jones

One: In the midst of our lives—with all their joy and all their uncertainty—

**Many: We turn toward the Holy One, who is already present among us.**

One: When we feel lost, or when the way forward is unclear,

**Many: God meets us in the ordinary and calls us by name.**

One: In moments of fear, and in moments of hope,

**Many: Christ stands among us and offers peace.**

One: The Holy One is not far from us, but accompanies us through all things,

**Many: Guiding us toward life, even when we cannot yet see it.**

\*Invocation (in unison)

**Gracious and Ever-Present God, you gather us not because we have certainty, but because we are searching for your presence in the midst of our lives. As you met Mary in her grief and the disciples in their fear, meet us here—where we are, as we are. Speak to us in ways we can recognize, call us by name, and open our eyes to new life unfolding among us. Center us in your presence, steady us in your peace and deepen our awareness that we do not walk this path alone. Shape us in this time together, so that what we experience here may carry into the world— in acts of love, courage, and quiet faithfulness.**

## A Time for Children

### Scripture

Hebrew Scripture: Psalm 16 (pew Bible pg. 546)  
Christian Scripture: John 20:19-29 (pew Bible pg. 119)

### This Morning's Sermon

Rev. Bryan Breault

### A Time of Prayer

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

A Moment of Silence

Sing! #86

"Taste and See"

1st Stanza: CHOIR ONLY; Congregation joins in on 2nd Stanza

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

"With a Voice of Singing"

Martin Shaw

\*Doxology

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,**

**Praise God, all creatures, here below,**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God above, you heav'nly host,**

**Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Sing! #110

"Love Has Come"

\*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

"Postlude on *Ellacombe*"

Albert Travis

**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. Apr 12 10:00am Worship Service  
Sun. Apr 12 11:30am Deacons Meeting  
Wed. Apr 15 12:30pm Clothes Closet  
Wed. Apr 15 6:30pm Council Meeting  
Mon. Apr 20 7:00pm Sound Circle  
Sun. Apr 26 11:30am Book Group

### **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.

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| <b>Deacons:</b>          | Steve Ouellette, Margy Soule, and Nor Dale | <b>Greeter:</b>       | Ginger Raspiller |
| <b>Liturgist:</b>        | Christie Barnes                            | <b>Live Streamer:</b> | Denny Barrantes  |
| <b>Ushers:</b>           | Landis Gabel                               |                       |                  |
| <b>Fellowship Hosts:</b> | Steve Conroy and Sally Decatur             |                       |                  |

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