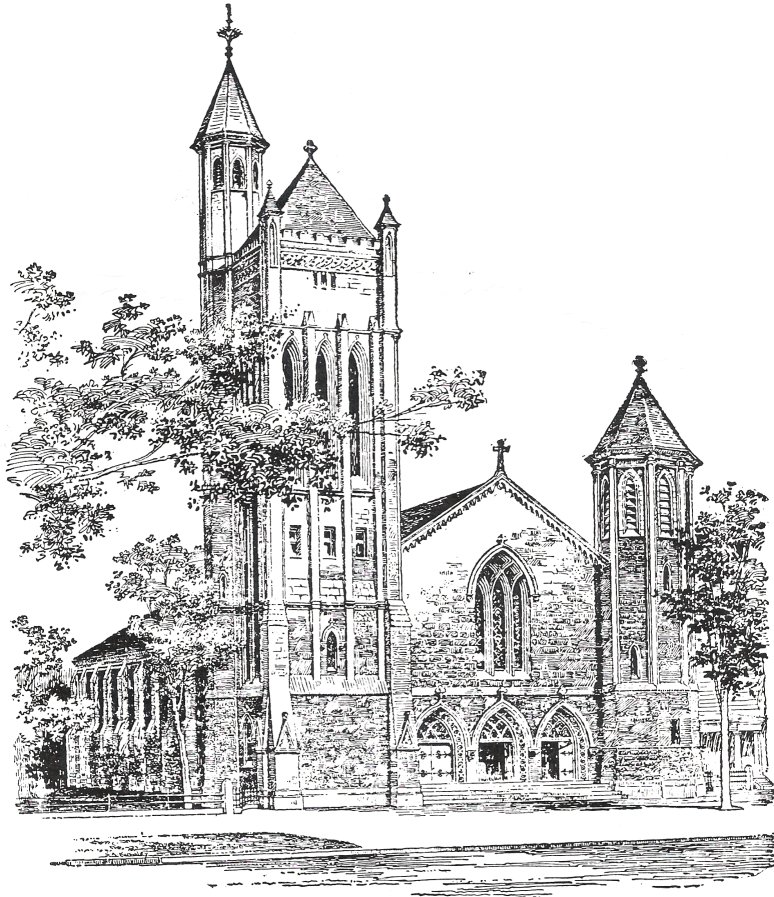


State Street Church
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May 17, 2026
Ascension Sunday



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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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*This service is being livestreamed and will be available on [www.YouTube.com](http://www.YouTube.com)*

Prelude "Andante" (from *Concerto #4*) G. F. Handel  
"Trumpet Tune in B flat Major" Roy Brunner

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 "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
(See *bulletin insert*)

\*Call to Worship Zareen Mirza

One: Why do we stand looking toward heaven?

**Many: Because we long for hope, for meaning, for reassurance.**

One: The Holy One meets us not only in distant skies, but in human kindness, compassion, and community.

**Many: We gather to open our hearts to that sacred presence.**

One: In a fragmented world, we come seeking connection.

**Many: In an anxious world, we come seeking peace.**

One: The Spirit of love still moves among us and within us.

**Many: Let us worship together in hope.**

\*Please rise in body or spirit

**\*Invocation** (in unison)

**Holy One, in a world so often marked by anxiety, division, and exhaustion, gather us again into your presence and into one another. Quiet the noise within us, open our hearts to compassion and hope, and remind us that we are not alone. May this time of worship ground us in what is life-giving, courageous, and true, and inspire us to carry your love into the world around us. Amen.**

A Time for Children

A Stewardship Moment

Peg Cushman

Scripture

Gospel Lessons: John 17:1-11

(pew Bible pg. 115)

Reading from Acts: Acts 1:6-14

(pew Bible pg. 122)

This Morning's Sermon

Rev. Bryan Breault

A Time of Prayer

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

A Moment of Silence

Hymn Sing! #79

"Holy is the Name"

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

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

Bob Chilcott

\*Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**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

\*Closing Hymn #300

"Jesus Shall Reign"

DUKE STREET

\*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

"March for a Church Festival"

W. T. Best

**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.

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, Nor Dale

**Greeter:** Mort Soule

**Liturgist:** Zareen Mirza

**Live Streamer:** Tori Bachman

**Ushers:** Peg Cushman, Devin Dukes

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

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## **State Street Church, United Church of Christ**

Reverend Bryan S. Breault, Pastor  
Kyle Bertulli, Music Director and Organist  
Kaylyn Zipp, Christian Education Director  
Maryam Darjazi, Childcare Provider



## **"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"**

A hymn of glory let us sing,  
New hymns throughout the world shall ring;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
By a new way none ever trod  
Christ shares once more the throne of God.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

You are a present joy, O Christ,  
Triumphant love once sacrificed,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
And great the light in you we see  
To guide us to eternity.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O risen Christ, ascended now,  
To your blessed name all knees shall bow;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
You are, while endless ages run,  
In Triune God-head ever One.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!