

Welcome to State Street Church, United Church of Christ

July 5, 2026

During the greeting, the Pastor will ask if any visitors would like to be introduced; this is optional. 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 YouTube at [portlandsscucc2521](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCportlandsscucc2521).*

Prelude "Miniature #6" David Maxwell  
"Amazing Grace" arr. David Maxwell

Greetings, Introductions, and Announcements

\*Passing of the Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

A Moment of Centering Silence

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

\*Call to Worship Paul Gordon

One: Come, all who are weary and all who seek God's presence. Christ invites us not because we have everything together, but because we are loved.

**Many: We come with open hearts, trusting God's grace to meet us where we are.**

One: The Holy One is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. God upholds those who are bowed down and strengthens those who hope.

**Many: We come to worship the God whose love never fails.**

One: Come, let us learn the way of Christ, whose invitation brings rest.

**Many: We come to worship, to receive God's grace, and to find rest for our souls.**

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

\*Invocation (in unison)

**Gracious God,**

**You know the burdens we carry and the hopes we bring into this place. Quiet our anxious hearts and open us to your presence. As we hear your Word and gather around Christ's table, teach us again to trust your love, to receive your grace, and to find rest for our souls. Renew us by your Spirit, that we may leave this place ready to serve you with joy and compassion. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

The Lighting of the Peace Candle

Response Hymn #571

“O God of Love, O God of Peace” (stanza 2)

A Time for Children

Scripture

Hebrew Scripture: Psalm 45: 10-17

pew Bible, p.571

Epistle Reading: Romans 7:15-15a

pew Bible, p. 164

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

pew Bible, p. 12

This Morning's Sermon

Rev. Bryan S. Breault

**Sacrament of Communion**

Invitation

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Gracious God, we confess that we do not always live as the people you call us to be. Though we long to follow Christ, we sometimes choose fear over trust, impatience over compassion, and our own way over yours. We grow weary from the burdens we carry and from the burdens we create. Forgive us, renew us by your grace, and teach us the gentle way of Christ. As we gather at this table, fill us with your love and grant us the rest you have promised. Amen.**

God's Assurance of Forgiveness

Hymn Sing! #86

“Taste and See”

James. E. Moore, Jr.

Silence

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

## 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**

## Breaking of the Bread

### Sharing of the Elements

*You are invited to come up the center aisle as directed by the ushers, starting from the back. Return by the side aisle. We take the bread individually to symbolize our unique relationship with God. We take the cup together to symbolize our unity as the body of Christ. Bread is gluten-free and "wine" is grape juice. If you need the elements brought to you, simply raise your hand when the deacons look to the congregation.*

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Gracious God, we thank you for this holy meal, where we have been nourished by your love and renewed by your grace. Strengthen us to follow Christ with humble hearts, to share your peace with those we meet, and to trust your presence in every step of our journey. May the rest we have found at your table bear fruit in lives of faithful service. 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 at the usher, smiling, and nodding so the usher knows to move to the next person.*

### Invitation

Offertory

"Dance"

A. Peloquin

Doxology

OLD HUNDRETH

**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.**

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

\*Hymn #43

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

BEECHER

\*Benediction

Postlude

“Hornpipe Humoresque”

N. Rawsthorne

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At the end of the service, everyone is welcome to a time of fellowship and refreshment 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.

Meaningful worship requires many people working together. Our thanks to:

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| Deacons: Denny Barrantes, Margy Soule, Nor Dale | Livestream: Tori Bachman |
| Ushers: Peg Cushman, Eunice Bentley | Liturgist: Paul Gordon |
| Fellowship Host: Sonia Barrantes | Greeter: Mort Soule |

Restrooms are located on both sides of the church entrance — ask an usher for assistance.

Special thanks to Davis Balestracci for serving as the organist this morning.

Summer Office hours: Mon.-Thurs. 10AM – 2 PM

Your Input Is Essential

If you were not interviewed recently by the Partners for Sacred Places about the proposed capital campaign, please take a few moments to provide input via this survey by July 13th. You may access the survey via this QR code. Thank you.



Use this QR code to donate.

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

