

Welcome to State Street Church, United Church of Christ

July 12, 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).*

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| Prelude | "Adagio" (from Sonata #1)     | Felix Mendelsohn |
|         | "Trio"                        | Julius Reubke    |
|         | "Fantasie in C Major" BWV 570 | J.S. Bach        |

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 # 27 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" LASST UNS ERFREUEN

\*Call to Worship Devin Dukes

One: Come, people of God, and gather in the presence of the One who sends rain upon the earth.

**Many: We come to worship the Creator whose love gives life to all creation.**

One: Jesus taught beside the sea and spoke of seeds, soil, birds, and harvests, revealing God's reign through the ordinary gifts of the earth.

**Many: Open our hearts to hear your living Word and to receive it with joy.**

One: As the earth bears fruit through God's blessing, may our lives bear fruit through God's Spirit.

**Many: Let us worship God with grateful hearts and willing spirits.**

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

\*Prayer of Invocation (Unison)

**God of rain and sunshine, God of seedtime and harvest, you meet us not only in sacred places but also in the beauty of your creation and in the ordinary work of daily life. As Jesus once spoke to farmers, fishermen, laborers, and families gathered along the shore, speak now to us. Soften the hardened places within us, strengthen what is weak, clear away the thorns that crowd out your love, and deepen our roots in your grace. May your living word take root in us, grow within us, and bear fruit in lives of compassion, justice, generosity, and joy. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.**

The Lighting of the Peace Candle

Response Hymn #571 "O God of Love, O God of Peace" (*stanza 3*)

A Time for Children

Scripture

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 55:10-13

pew Bible, p. 761

Christian Scripture: Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

pew Bible, p. 14

This Morning's Sermon

Rev. Bryan S. Breault

A Time of Prayer

Sharing our Joys & Concerns

A Moment of Silence

Response Hymn #283

"Spirit of the Living God"

INVERSON

(sung twice)

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**

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## 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

“Be Thou My Vision”

arr. Charles Callahan

\*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.**

\*Closing Hymn #12

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

ELLACOMBE

\*Benediction

Postlude

“Tocatta and Fugue in E Major” BWV 566

J. S. Bach

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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:

Deacons: Joshua Davis, Nor Dale

Livestream: Denny Barrantes

Ushers: Mimi Gough

Liturgist: Devin Dukes

Fellowship Hosts: Margy & Mort Soule

Greeter: Steve Conroy

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

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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.

Parking

- Street Parking is free on Sunday
- Reiche School (5 minute walk)
- Cumberland Club

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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Kyle Bertulli, Music Director and Organist
Kaylyn Zipp, Christian Education Director
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