

Welcome to State Street Church, United Church of Christ

August 2, 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 summer arts & crafts. Nursery is available for children three and under. Ask an usher.

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*This service is being livestreamed and will be available on YouTube at [portlandsscucc2521](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCp0tLW3UW3UW3UW3UW3UW3U).*

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| Prelude | “Adagio” (from Sonata #3)            | Alexandre Guilmant |
|         | “Christians, We Have Met to Worship” | arr. Mark Hayes    |

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 Sing! #7 “Welcome to This House”

\*Call to Worship Barbara Conroy

One: Come, all who hunger and thirst—for hope, for justice, for peace, for God.

**Many: We come, trusting the One who welcomes all without price.**

One: Christ gathers the weary, blesses the ordinary, and makes abundance from what seems too little.

**Many: We come with open hands and grateful hearts.**

One: Here there is room enough. Here there is grace enough. Here there is love enough.

**Many: Let us worship the God whose table is always prepared.**

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

**\*Invocation (unison)**

**Holy and Generous God, You meet us before we know to seek you. You satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart, not with wealth or power, but with your steadfast love. Gather us now as Christ gathered the crowds long ago. Open our eyes to your abundance, our ears to your invitation, and our hearts to your living presence, which surrounds us in every time and every place. As we hear your Word and gather around Christ's table, feed us with bread that nourishes the soul and grace that overflows into the lives of others. May this hour shape us into a people who trust your abundance, share your gifts, and welcome your children. In the spirit of Christ we pray. Amen.**

**The Lighting of the Peace Candle**

**Response Hymn #571**

**"O God of Love, O God of Peace" (1<sup>st</sup> stanza)**

**A Time for Children**

**Scripture**

**Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-5**

**pew Bible, p.760**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:13-21**

**pew Bible, p. 16**

**This Morning's Sermon**

**Rev. Bryan S. Breault**

**Sacrament of Communion**

**Invitation**

**Prayer of Confession (unison)**

**Generous God, too often we live as though there will never be enough. We cling tightly to what we have, fear what we might lose, and forget that all good gifts come from you. We confess that we have overlooked the hungry, hurried past the lonely, and doubted that small acts of kindness can make a difference. Forgive us when we measure life by scarcity instead of grace, or when we fail to recognize Christ already present among us. Open our hands. Open our hearts. Open our eyes to your abundance, that we may receive your gifts with gratitude and share them with joy. Amen.**

**God's Assurance of Forgiveness**

**\*Please rise in body or spirit.**

Hymn #321

“Break Now the Bread of Life”

BREAD OF LIFE

Silence

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.*

Communion Music

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

arr. Mark Hayes

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

arr. Cindy Berry

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

**Gracious God, we thank you for this simple meal, for bread broken and cup shared, for the mystery of Christ's presence among us. You have welcomed us, renewed us, and reminded us that your love is more than enough. Now send us into the world to become what we have received: people of compassion, hospitality, and generous hope. May those who hunger find food, those who thirst find justice, those who despair discover hope, and all whom we meet glimpse your abundance through the lives we offer in Christ's name. 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

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| Offertory | “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” | arr. Mark Hayes |
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\*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 #563

“We Cannot Own the Sunlight Sky”

ENDLESS SONG

\*Benediction

Postlude

“Little Prelude and Fugue in C Major” BWV 553

attr. 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.

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



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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



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

Deacons:	Priscilla Bird, Josh Davis, Nor Dale
Ushers	Peg Cushman, Eunice Bentley
Fellowship Hosts:	Steve Conroy, Sally Decatur
Livestream:	Tori Bachman
Liturgist:	Barbara Conroy
Greeter:	

Pastor Bryan will be on vacation beginning tomorrow (Aug. 3) and returning on Tuesday, Aug. 18th. If you are in need of emergency pastoral support, please call Reba Delzell at 207-400-4395.

THE CHURCH OFFICE AND THE BUILDING WILL BE CLOSED THIS WEEK.

WE WILL RETURN TO SUMMER OFFICE HOURS NEXT WEEK, BEGINNING AUGUST 10TH. SUMMER OFFICE HOURS ARE 10AM TO 2 PM. (or by appointment)

Two Dates to Save!

Sunday, August 30, after church. Informational meeting. A chance to hear more about the Sacred Places Capital Campaign and discuss the different options as we get ready to move forward. We'll have our feasibility study distributed before this meeting.

Sunday, Sept. 13, after church. A Congregational Meeting to vote on the scope of the Capital Campaign.

Parking

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

WEEKLY MULTIFAITH PRAYER VIGIL

Want to be in community to be supported and support others? Join us for the Weekly MultiFaith Prayer Vigil: A prayerful gathering of Love, Solidarity and Support for the Biddeford community, especially Johan Sebastián Durán Guerrero's family and friends, our Immigrant Neighbors, all those who feel unsafe, and all caught up in the systems of injustice and division.

TUESDAY EVENINGS 5:30-6:00 PM

AUGUST 11, 18, 25

Mechanics Park in Biddeford

(corner of Main & Water Street in Biddeford)

The vigil is an intentional spiritual gathering, not a protest. We gather to bring love and presence to the grief and needs of our community. Each vigil is led by different local MultiFaith clergy, providing a variety of perspectives and avenues for connection and prayer. Each vigil is an intentional gathering that may include centering, prayers, songs, and silence.

All are welcome. Regardless of your spiritual or religious affiliation (or none at all), if you are drawn to our intention and wish to be in community with like-minded and like-hearted individuals, please join us.

See the weekly church email for more information.

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(Take this insert home to remember important events, dates and information.)