

Welcome to State Street Church, United Church of Christ

August 9, 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/UCportlandsscucc2521).*

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| Prelude | "Intermezzo" (from Sonata #4)<br>"Immortal, Invisible" | Josef Rheinberger<br>arr. Mark Hayes |
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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

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| *Opening Hymn #12 | "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" | ELLACOMBE |
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| *Call to Worship | Peg Cushman |
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One: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's holy name.

**Many: We gather to remember the One who has been faithful through every generation.**

One: From wilderness journeys to unexpected paths, God has never abandoned God's people.

**Many: We come trusting that the God who guided our ancestors still walks beside us.**

One: Good news has been spoken to us. Grace has found us. Love has called us by name.

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

**Many:** Now we gather to praise God, to encourage one another, and to be sent into the world with hope.

**All:** Let us worship the God whose steadfast love endures forever.

\*Invocation (in unison)

**Holy and faithful God, You have been our companion through every season of life. You have called your people across generations to trust, to hope, and to bear witness to your love. As we gather this morning, quiet the distractions that cling to us and open our hearts to your presence. Let our songs be filled with gratitude, our prayers with honesty, our listening with expectation, and our fellowship with compassion. Speak to us through Scripture, through music, through silence, and through one another. Renew us with the good news of your grace and send us from this place ready to share the hope we have received. For we gather in the spirit of Christ, whose love reaches every heart and every nation. Amen.**

The Lighting of the Peace Candle

Response: Hymn #571 "O God of Love, O God of Peace" (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> stanzas)

A Time for Children

Scripture

Hebrew Scripture: Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

pew Bible, p. 615

Christian Scripture: Romans 10:5-15

pew Bible, p. 167

This Morning's Sermon

*Less by Choice, Rich in Faith*

Mimi Gough

A Time of Prayer

Josh Davis

A Moment of Silence

Response Hymn #503

"O Savior, Let Me Walk with You"

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Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

**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**

**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**

**“Fugue in C Major” BWV 846**

**J. S. Bach**

**\*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.**

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**\*Closing Hymn #493**

**“O Jesus, I Have Promised”**

**ANGEL’S STORY**

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

**“Sonata #3” (first movement)**

**Felix Mendelssohn**

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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.

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

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

Deacons: Josh Davis, Nor Dale

Livestream: Denny Barrantes

Ushers: Eunice Bentley, Devin Dukes

Liturgist: Peg Cushman

Fellowship Host: Dominique Gabel

Greeter:

We welcome **Mimi Gough** as our guest preacher today. Mimi is a fourth-generation member of State Street Church, where her family's roots run deep, including those of her brother Tom, a retired UCC minister. Recently retired after 34+ years of full-time teaching in Hospitality, Travel, and Tourism in higher education, Mimi lives in Portland with her husband, Tim. She fondly remembers growing up in a historic Stroudwater home originally owned by her grandparents, a connection to place and family that helped inspire her lifelong love of history. She is the author of an award-winning memoir based on her late father's World War II letters and is now researching a second memoir shaped by family history.

Parking – Sundays Only

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



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



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: 10AM TO 2 PM. (or by appointment)

Pastor Bryan is on vacation this week. He will return on Tuesday, Aug. 18th. If you are in need of emergency pastoral support, please call Rev. Reba Delzell at 207-400-4395.

Wednesday, Aug. 12 – Trustee Meeting 6:30 PM at church.

Two Dates to Save!

Sunday, August 30, after church. Informational meeting. A chance to ask questions, 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.

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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.

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