

Welcome to State Street Church, United Church of Christ

August 23, 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 | "Symphony #4" ( <i>Andante cantabile</i> ) | C.M. Widor      |
|         | "Immortal Invisible"                       | 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

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| *Opening Hymn #22 | "Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped" | LOBE BEN HERREN |
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| *Call to Worship | Camy Barrantes |
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One: Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?"

**Many: We come seeking not only the right words, but hearts ready to follow.**

One: Christ calls us together from many walks of life.

**Many: We come with different gifts, yet one Spirit.**

One: God is shaping us into one body, joined in love and service.

**Many: Let us worship the God revealed in Jesus Christ.**

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

\*Invocation (in unison)

**Holy God, You have called us together from many places to become one people in Christ. Open our hearts to your presence and our minds to your wisdom. When familiar words threaten to become routine, awaken us to hear them anew. When we are tempted to settle for easy answers, lead us into deeper wisdom. As we worship, shape us into a community marked by compassion, humility, and hope, that our lives may reflect the love we see in Jesus. Amen.**

The Lighting of the Peace Candle

Response Sing! #201

“Deep Peace” (*stanzas 1 & 2*)

A Time for Children

Scripture

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-20

pew Bible, p.18

Epistle Reading: Romans 12:1-8

pew Bible, p. 168

This Morning's Sermon

Rev. Bryan S. Breault

A Time of Prayer

Sharing our Joys & Concerns

A Moment of Silence

Response Sing! #161

“Open My Eyes

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**

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

## 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

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

arr. Mark Hayes

\*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 #527

“We Offer Christ”

CHARTERHOUSE

\*Benediction

Postlude

“Prelude and Fugue in C Major” BWV 545

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: Tori Bachman,

Livestream: Denny Barrantes

Ushers: Sally Decatur, Katy Rand

Liturgist: Camy Barrantes

Fellowship Host: Margy Soule

Greeter: Mort Soule

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

Parking – Sundays Only

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

*Please rise in body or spirit.

An Evening with Joshua Becker
Wednesday, Aug. 26th, 7:00-8:30 PM

Joshua Becker, author of *Uncluttered Faith: Own Less, Love More and Make an Impact in Your World*, will be speaking at State Street Church this Wednesday evening as part of his book tour. The session will include a talk, live Q &A, and book signing. The State Street book group read this book in the spring and it led to a lively discussion of our attempts to declutter and the impact “stuff” has on our lives. All are welcome and the event is free.

DON'T FORGET!

Next Sunday, **August 30**, after church, Thomas Fike from Partners for Sacred Places will join us for an informational meeting to review Capital Campaign Feasibility Study and talk about the next steps in the capital campaign process. You will also have an opportunity to ask questions and/or comment on the Economic Halo study. This meeting will prepare us to vote on a capital campaign in September.

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

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 10 AM-2PM, MONDAY THRU THURSDAY



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