

Welcome to State Street Church, United Church of Christ

August 30, 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.

This service is being livestreamed and will be available on YouTube at [portlandsscucc2521](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpT83333333333333333333).

Prelude	“Theme and Variations” (from Sonata #10)	Josef Rheinberger
	“Be Thou My Vision”	arr. Andrew Unsworth

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 #451	“Be Thou My Vision”	SLANE
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*Call to Worship Paul Jones

One: In ordinary places, on ordinary days, God calls to us.

Many: We turn aside to listen for the voice of God.

One: God calls us to lives of compassion, courage, and love.

Many: God kindles within us gifts to be shared and work to be done.

One: God calls us by name, and promises to be with us.

Many: With hope in our hearts and trust in God's presence, let us worship together.

*Please rise in body or spirit.

*Invocation (in unison)

Holy God, you met Moses in the wilderness and called to him from a bush that burned, yet was not consumed. Meet us here today. Kindle within us a love that is genuine, a hope that endures, and a spirit eager to serve. Teach us to recognize what you are calling each of us to do, to honor the gifts and limits you have given us, and to trust that the work of your kingdom does not rest on any one of us alone. When we are weary, sustain us. When we are hesitant, encourage us. When we have stood at a distance, draw us closer. Set our hearts aflame with your love, O God, and remind us that the fire is yours. Amen.

The Lighting of the Peace Candle

Response

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” (insert)

A Time for Children

Scripture

Hebrew Scripture: Exodus 3:1–15

pew Bible, p. 55

Christian Scripture: Romans 12:9–21

pew Bible, p. 169

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” (sung twice)

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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

“Bridge Over Troubled Water”

Paul Simon

Larry Reilly, soloist

*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 Sing! #192 “Carry the Light” (sung twice)

*Benediction

Postlude

“Sonata #2” (*Fugue*)

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 remain in their pews.*

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

Deacons: Carol Hughes, Denny Barrantes, Nor Dale      Livestream: David Kerr

Ushers: Katy Rand      Liturgist: Paul Jones

Fellowship Hosts: Dominique Gabel, Mort Soule      Greeter:

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.

## **Informational Meeting Today after Worship**

Please join us in Chapel Hall after worship for an information session in preparation for our upcoming Congregational Meeting in September. Thomas Fike from Partners for Sacred Places will be on hand to do a brief presentation and answer questions about the Capital Campaign Feasibility Study Report. This report outlines our ability to raise funds and how State Street Church is perceived by our own members and the larger community. We will also discuss the next steps in the capital campaign process. In addition, this is an opportunity to ask questions and/or comment on the Economic Halo Study report which you received in the mail earlier this month.

## **Upcoming Events**

**Wednesday, Sept. 2** – Clothes Closet reopens after a summer hiatus. If you would like to help out as a Clothes Closet volunteer, please speak with Eunice Bentley or email her at [eunicebentley@gmail.com](mailto:eunicebentley@gmail.com)

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

**Website:** [www.statestreetchurch.org](http://www.statestreetchurch.org)

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



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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



August 28, 2026

TO MEMBERS and FRIENDS OF STATE STREET  
CHURCH:

A Congregational Meeting of the State Street Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, 159 State Street, Portland, Maine, will be held ***following worship at 11:15 AM on Sunday, September 13, 2026***, for the following purposes:

1. To consider approval of a capital campaign for the tower restoration project and decide upon the goal for such campaign,
2. To consider approval of an agreement with Sacred Places to provide capital campaign management services, and
6. To transact other business which may properly come before the meeting.

Sincerely,

Eli Dale

Church Clerk