

Welcome to State Street Church, United Church of Christ

September 20, 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. 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	“Contemplating Grace”	David Maxwell
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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

*Opening Hymn #23 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” IN BABILONE

*Call to Worship Tori Bachman

One: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Many: God's mercy reaches farther than we imagine.

One: God calls us into the vineyard— some early, some late, all welcomed by grace.

Many: God's generosity is not ours to measure.

One: Come, let us worship the God whose compassion is wider than our own.

All: Come, let us rejoice in the goodness of God.

*Please rise in body or spirit.

*Invocation (in unison)

Generous God, your mercy reaches beyond the boundaries we draw, and your grace cannot be measured by what we think we deserve. Meet us in this time of worship. Open our hearts to your generosity, especially when it is extended to those we might overlook or resent. Teach us to rejoice in a grace wide enough for all of us and shape us more fully in the likeness of your love. Amen.

The Lighting of the Peace Candle

Response Sing! #201

“Deep Peace” (verse 1)

A Time for Children

Scripture

Hebrew Scripture: Jonah 2:10 - 4:11

pew Bible, p. 960

Christian Scripture: Matthew 20:1-16

pew Bible, p. 22

This Morning's Sermon

Rev. Bryan S. Breault

A Time of Prayer

Sharing our Joys & Concerns

A Moment of Silence

Response Hymn #485 “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

ST. MARGARET

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

“Miniature #2”

David Maxwell

*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 #531 “God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak”

CANONBURY

*Benediction

Postlude “Voluntary on the Doxology, Old 100th”

H. Purcell

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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:** Priscilla Bird, Margy Soule

**Livestream:**

**Ushers:** Katy Rand, Camy Barrantes

**Liturgist:** Tori Bachman

**Fellowship Hosts:** Beverly Woodcock, Dominique Gabel

**Greeter:** Steve Conroy

Many thanks to Davis Balestracci for serving as our guest organist today and through the month of September.

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

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

## Calendar

**Today, Sunday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>** – 11:30 AM – Board of Deacons Meeting  
11:30 AM – HELP MOVE FURNITURE OUT OF THE  
FIRESIDE ROOM

**Saturday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>** – 11AM Joyce Heaton Memorial Service

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.

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

**Phone:** 207-774-6396

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

### **Parking – Sundays Only**

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



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### **State Street Church, United Church of Christ**

Reverend Bryan S. Breault, Pastor  
Kaylyn Zipp, Christian Education Director  
Maryam Darjazi, Childcare Provider





# SAVE THE DATES

## SETUP SATURDAY

Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> 9 AM to Noon

## HOLIDAY FAIR & LUNCHEON

Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> 9 AM to 2 PM

Silent Auction, antiques, jewelry, crafts, & gifts. Tag sale. Used books, puzzles, games  
Homemade pies, bread, & sweets.

Join us for lunch 11 am-1pm



Since she joined State Street Church, Joyce Heaton shared her passion and expertise. She gave our jewelry section of the Holiday Fair a makeover and as gold and silver prices hit record highs, Joyce suggested and managed a very successful class ring drive.

**So, let's honor Joyce by starting this year's Holiday Fair donations by bringing in your GOLD, SILVER AND JEWELRY.** All jewelry can be placed in the red box near the office. If you have items too big for the red box, see someone in the office.

