

Welcome to State Street Church, United Church of Christ

October 11, 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.

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*This service is being livestreamed and will be available on YouTube at [portlandsscucc2521](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCportlandsscucc2521).*

Prelude *Variations on the Chorale "God's Actions, Always Good"* Johann Pachelbel

Greetings, Introductions, and Announcements

The Lighting of the Peace Candle

Response

*Dona Nobis Pacem*

Insert (to be sung as a round)

Passing of the Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

A Moment of Centering Silence

\*Opening Hymn #55

*Rejoice You Pure in Heart*

MARION

\*Call to Worship

Camy Barrantes

One: When the world is uncertain and the way ahead is hard to see,

Many: **We gather to remember who we are and whose we are.**

One: When fear tempts us toward easy answers and false certainties,

Many: **We gather to seek what is true, what is just, and what is worthy of praise.**

One: We do not come pretending that there is nothing to fear or nothing to grieve.

Many: **We come trusting that fear need not rule us.**

One: So let us turn our hearts toward God and set our minds on the things that give life.

Many: **Let us worship the One whose peace guards our hearts and minds.**

### Notes about today's music:

The anthem reflects on Psalm 30, "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning...." and was written for the choir of the Guilford (VT) Community Church UCC in 2007 by Mary Alice Amidon and arranged by her husband, Peter, in response to the Virginia Tech shooting of that year. Variations on a German hymn tune are used for the Prelude; the Postlude is a short but energetic piece, all by the German composer and organist, Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706).

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

**\*Invocation (in unison)**

**God of peace, we come before you, carrying the worries of our lives and the anxieties of our world. When uncertainty frightens us, keep us from reaching for easy answers, false promises, and the idols we create to make ourselves feel secure. Give us courage to face honestly what is difficult, wisdom to recognize what is true, and faith to seek what is honorable, just, gracious, and worthy of praise. Turn our hearts toward you and our minds toward those things that lead us into life, so that even in anxious times we may become people of gentleness, courage, hope, and peace. Amen.**

## A Time for Children

## Scripture

Hebrew Scripture: Exodus 32:1-14  
Christian Scripture: Philippians 4:1-9

pew Bible, p. 86  
pew Bible, p. 211

## This Morning's Sermon

Rev. Bryan S. Breault

## A Time of Prayer

## Sharing our Joys & Concerns

## A Moment of Silence

Response Hymn #290      *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*      MORECAMBE  
(Stanzas 1, 3--5)

## 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**

### Choral Response #769

WHELPTON

## 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

Anthem      *Joy Shall Come in the Morning*      Mary Alice and Peter Amidon

\*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 #332

## As We Gather at Your Table

## BEACH SPRING

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response #81

JEREMIAH E. RANKIN

Postlude

*Toccata in e*

Johann Pachelbel

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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: Denny Barrantes, Josh Davis, Nor Dale

Livestream: Tori Bachman

Ushers: Katy Rand

Liturgist: Camy Barrantes

Fellowship Hosts: Steve Conroy, Sally Decatur

Greeter: Mort Soule

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

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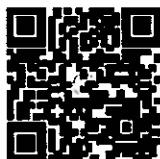
Calendar

Monday, Oct. 12th – State Street Church will be CLOSED in observance of Indigenous People's Day

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.

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
Kaylyn Zipp, Christian Education Director
John Ross, Building and Office Manager
Maryam Darjazi, Childcare Provider



Church Fair News



The TAG SALE is a great way to recycle items to a new home!

- *Popular: household items like pots, pans, baking dishes. Also, quirky, eclectic, or vintage items make bargain hunting fun and may be the unexpected find shoppers enjoy. Please, **no electronics!***
- *Volunteers spend hundreds of hours setting up with no time to clean items. **PLEASE bring things "CLEAN & READY TO SELL"***
- *Drop off starts Tuesday Oct. 13th during office hours:
Monday - Friday: 9am - Noon & 1 pm -4pm*

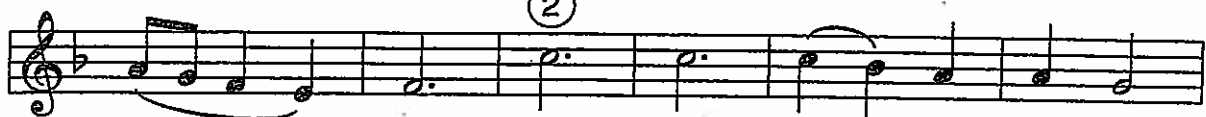
Dona Nobis Pacem

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Walk in love, as Christ loved us
Ephesians 5:2

Advocating for Change

In 1999, General Synod affirmed four Special Mission Offerings for the United Church of Christ. Out of the four, the Neighbors in Need offering was highlighted as the offering for justice and compassion. The offering was tasked to help the church “advocate for a society where all people have a voice in the decisions that affect their lives.”

Today, this legacy continues as we follow the mandate for the offering to create justice not only through direct aid, but also through advocating for change. These advocacy efforts take place in partnership with the Washington, D.C. Office of Public Policy and Advocacy, the Education for Faithful Action Team, and recipients of the Neighbors in Need grants. Together, folks across the UCC work together to affect policy change guided by our faith.

When you give to Neighbors in Need, you make sure the United Church of Christ continues to be a leader for justice. Two-thirds of the offering supports justice projects across the church, and one-third supports the Council for American Indian Ministries.

Thank you for your gifts!



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There is an inherent connection between the Gospel call to respond to the hungry – the thirsty, the stranger, those in prison, and those who are sick – and the policy decisions that determine funding for issues such as school meal programs, global peacebuilding programs, standards for clean air, sentencing for nonviolent offenders, and health care access for all. Advocacy is essential to participating in God’s mission in the world.

-From Building A Just World For All: A Toolkit For Faithful Advocacy

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