

Welcome to State Street Church, United Church of Christ

October 18, 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/watch?v=portlandsscucc2521).

Prelude	Andante in E-flat Major	Samuel Sebastian Wesley
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Greetings, Introductions, and Announcements

The Lighting of the Peace Candle

Response

Peace I Give to You

Sing! #217

Passing of the Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

A Moment of Centering Silence

*Opening Hymn #1

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

***Call to Worship**

Paul Gordon

One: We come seeking the presence of God for the journey before us.

Many: We ask you to help focus on your presence as we move forward.

One: The world makes many claims upon our lives.

Many: We belong to God, whose image every person bears.

One: No nation can contain God's glory; no earthly power can claim our ultimate allegiance.

Many: May our love of God deepen our love of neighbor.

One: Come, let us worship the One whose goodness goes before us.

Many: Let us bring our questions, our hopes, and our whole selves to God.

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

*Invocation (in unison)

God of presence and goodness, meet us here. When the way ahead is uncertain, help us trust that you accompany us. When fear makes us grasp for easy answers, give us humility to listen and courage to act. Keep us from mistaking our own desires for your will or placing any earthly power beyond question. Teach us to honor your image in every person, to protect freedom of conscience, and to stand beside those whose dignity is threatened. May our worship renew us for lives of justice, compassion, and faithful service. Amen.

A Time for Children

Scripture

Hebrew Scripture: Exodus 33:12-23

pew Bible, p. 88

Christian Scripture: Matthew 22:15-22

pew Bible, p. 25

This Morning's Sermon

Rev. Bryan S. Breault

A Time of Prayer

Sharing our Joys & Concerns

A Moment of Silence

Response Hymn #23

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

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 #518

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*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

Anthem *How Can I Keep from Singing?*

Robert S. Lowry
arr. R. Walters and J. Williams

*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 #582

O God of Earth and Altar

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*Benediction

*Benediction Response #81

Postlude

Choral Song

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

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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:** Margy Soule, Priscilla Bird, Nor Dale

**Livestream:** Ginger Raspiller

**Ushers:** Sally Decatur, Libby Derrig

**Liturgist:** Paul Gordon

**Fellowship Hosts:** Mary Buteyn, Barry Hosmer

**Greeter:** Mort Soule

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

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

### **Notes about today's music:**

Samual Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876), the grandson of Samuel Wesley of Methodist fame, was a leading organist and choirmaster in his lifetime, serving in several English cathedrals. Of his several hymn tunes, the one we know best is AURELIA, sung to the words "The Church's One Foundation." The equally prominent American, Robert Lowry (1826-1899), was a Baptist minister and editor of Sunday School hymnals. His many compositions include "Shall We Gather at the River" and "My Life Flows on in Endless Song... How Can I Keep from Singing," arranged as our anthem today.

### **Calendar**

**Wednesday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 PM – Church Council Meeting**

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**

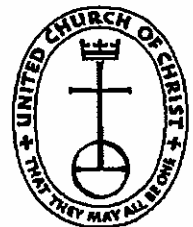
- Street Parking is free on Sunday
- Reiche School (5-minute walk)
- Cumberland Club



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

Reverend Bryan S. Breault, Pastor  
Kaylyn Zipp, Christian Education Director  
John Ross, Building and Office Manager  
Maryam Darjazi, Childcare Provider



## Church Fair News



New this year! **BAKED GOODS** will be serving **HOT COFFEE** along with their amazing sweet & savory grab-&-go treats, baked breads, pies, cookies, brownies, etc.

Contact Jewel Rechsteiner <[jewel@portsidereg.com](mailto:jewel@portsidereg.com)> (right photo) if you want to provide baked goods.