

Welcome to State Street Church, United Church of Christ

October 25, 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	Variations on O WALY WALY ("The Gift of Love")	Janet Linker
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Greetings, Introductions, and Announcements

The Lighting of the Peace Candle

Response	<i>Peace I Give to You</i>	Sing! #217
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Passing of the Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

A Moment of Centering Silence

*Opening Hymn #24 *The God of Abraham Praise* LEONI

***Call to Worship** Gary Burnett

One: Come, let us worship the God who calls us to love.

Many: With heart, soul, and mind, we turn toward God.

One: God meets us in the lives of our neighbors.

Many: Teach us to listen with compassion and act with justice.

One: When anger rises and divisions deepen, God calls us to a love that is honest and courageous.

Many: Give us strength to confront harm and hearts open to healing.

One: Let us worship the One who makes us holy through love.

Many: May our worship take shape in the lives we lead.

***Invocation (in unison)**

God of love and justice, gather our scattered attention and meet us here. We bring our gratitude and our worries, our convictions and our unanswered questions. Open us to your presence and to the neighbors you call us to love. Give us courage to speak truth, humility to receive correction, and wisdom to challenge injustice without surrendering to hatred. Where we have grown weary, renew our compassion. Let what we pray and sing today take shape in what we say and do tomorrow. In the way of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

A Time for Children

Scripture

Hebrew Scripture: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

pew Bible, p. 117

Christian Scripture: Matthew 22:34-46

pew Bible, p. 25

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

A Time of Prayer

Sharing our Joys & Concerns

A Moment of Silence

Response Hymn #456 *More Love to You, O Christ*

MORE LOVE TO YOU

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 #812

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 *The Gift of Love (O WALY WALY)*

arr. Meg Williams

*Doxology

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**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 #25 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

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*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Postlude

Final Variation on O WALY WALY ("The Gift of Love")

Janet Linker

Notes about today's music:

The folk tune, "O Waly Waly," was first seen in published form in England about 1728-1732 and was soon being sung in Appalachian America. Used currently with several hymn texts, it was adapted several years ago by Meg Williams using the one based on 1 Corinthians 13: 1-3, and this is our anthem this morning. In 1999, Janet Linker composed a set of variations on the tune, some of which serve as our Prelude and Postlude.

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.

*Please rise in body or spirit.

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

Deacons: Carol Hughes, Nor Dale

Livestream: Ginger Raspiller

Ushers: Mimi Gough

Liturgist: Gary Burnett

Fellowship Hosts: Mary Buteyn, Barry Hosmer

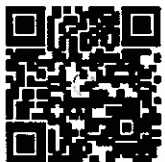
Greeter: Margy Soule

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.

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



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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

100% Handcrafted with Love

Though we call it **our CRAFTS TABLE**, we really should call it **our ARTISTS' TABLE!**

You will find a wide assortment of beautifully handcrafted items:

- knitted & crocheted Christmas ornaments
- mittens, hats, scarves
- one-of-a-kind greeting cards
- blankets, washcloths, trivets, potholders
- purses
- paintings & hand painted items
- baby gifts

Contact Eunice Bentley eunicebentley@gmail.com and let her know what you are bringing and if you want to volunteer at the Craft Table, let both Eunice and Joyce Long rejoycewme@yahoo.com know.