Welcome to State Street Church, United Church of Christ

November 15, 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.

Prelude — Meditation #6 — David Maxwell

Meditation on an American Folk Hymn: *There is a Balm in Gilead* — Sam Batt Owens

Greetings, Introductions, and Announcements

The Lighting of the Peace Candle

Response — *Peace* — Sing! #193

Passing of the Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

A Moment of Centering Silence

*Opening Hymn #495 — *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* — BEECHER

*Call to Worship — Zareen Mirza

One: Ripples of praise flowing to the four corners of the earth,

Many: Echoes of blessings ringing through the lands,

One: O God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

Many: Bushels of love ripening in every home,

One: Handfuls of praise and honor pouring from every life,

Many: O God, our God, how glorious is your creation! How wondrous is your name, spoken by little ones, shouted by wise ones, sung by humble ones! We offer our thanks and praise for this glorious day.

*Please rise in body or spirit.
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*Invocation (in unison)

Abundant Provider, joyful Creator, you bless us with gifts from the earth and you spread out goodness enough for all to enjoy. We humbly ask that you would fill our hearts with gratitude. Open our hands to share so that each may know the abundant providence of our loving God. Touch our lips so that we may praise you and taste the wonder of all your blessings; of sun and rain transformed into life-giving food. Abundant God, you are gracious and eternal, and we offer deep thanks. In joy and celebration may all people praise your Holy name. Amen.

A Time for Children

Scripture

Hebrew Scripture:	Micah 4:1-5	pew Bible, p. 964
Christian Scripture:	Matthew 25:1-13	pew Bible, p. 28

This Morning's Sermon "Lighting the Lamps of Justice" Rev. Deborah T. Breault

A Time of Prayer

Sharing our Joys & Concerns

A Moment of Silence

Response Hymn #513 *O Source of All That Is* O, DE FROMMER GOTT

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 Hear Our Prayer, Oh God

*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 *Ain't Got Time to Die* Hal Johnson

*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 #575 O for a World AZMON

*Benediction

Postlude Fantasy in C major J.S. Bach

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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.

Many thanks to Davis Balestracci for serving as guest organist and to Eugene Long for serving as guest choir director.

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

Deacons: Priscilla Bird, Carol Hughes, Nor Dale
Ushers: Peg Cushman
Fellowship Hosts: Steve Conroy, Sally Decatur
Livestream: Denny Barrantes
Liturgist: Zareen Mirza
Greeter: Mort Soule

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

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Calendar

Wednesday, Nov. 18th, 6:30 PM – Church Council Meeting
Saturday, Nov. 21st, 5:30—9:00 PM – COBALT and Team Zostera host *The Meadow We Weave*: The World's First Seagrass Ceilidh

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.

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9 AM—12 PM & 1 PM—4 PM, Monday thru Friday

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