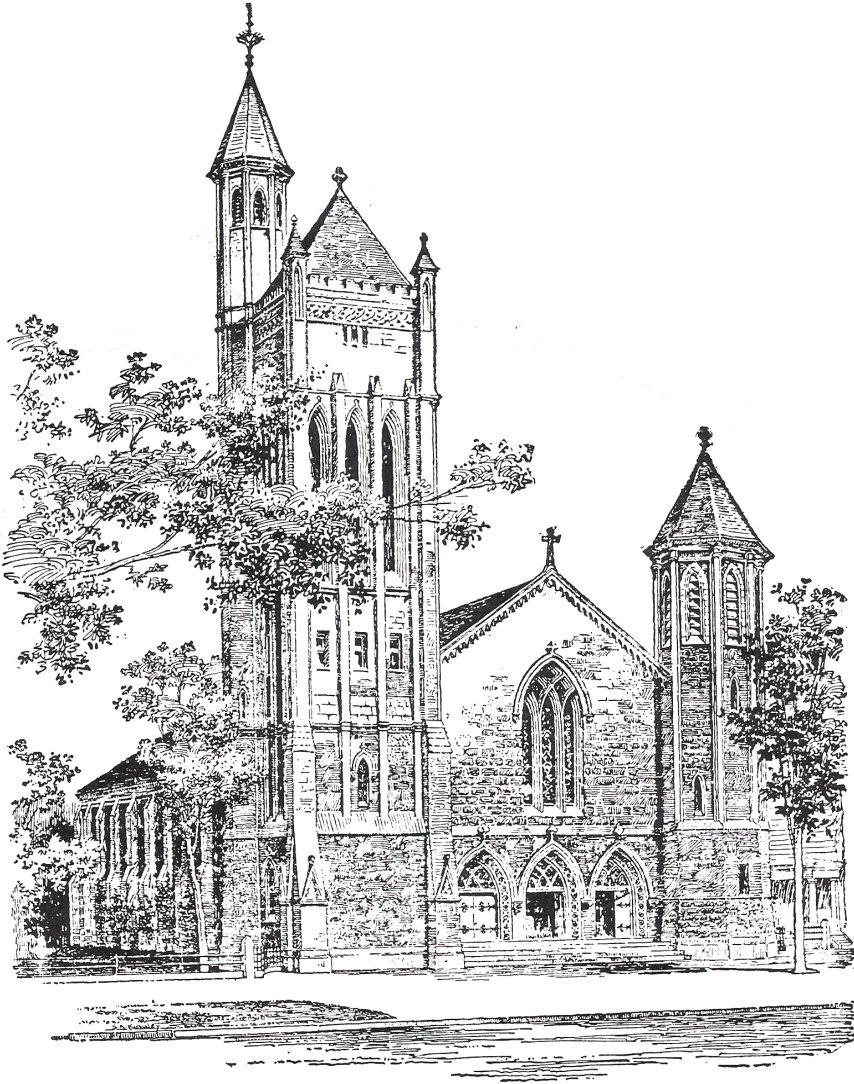


State Street Church
United Church of Christ
A Progressive Open and Affirming Church

September 14, 2025



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Welcome to State Street Church! During the greeting the Pastor will ask if any visitors would like to be introduced. There is no pressure to be introduced, if you would like to remain quiet and be present to the service, please feel free to do so. There is a card in your pew to fill out if you'd like contact from the church. 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.

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| Prelude | "Sunset Meditation"              | R. Keys Biggs    |
|         | "Sonata #1" (Andante espressivo) | Dudley Buck      |
|         | "Prelude in D flat Major"        | J. Knowles Paine |

Greetings, Introductions, and Announcements

## \*Passing of the Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

(Take a moment to share the peace of Christ with your neighbors.)

A Moment of Centering Silence

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| *Opening Hymn #1 | "Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise" | ST. DENIO |
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| *Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 51) | Zareen T. Mirza |
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One: Let us enter the presence of our God with a renewed heart and a right spirit.

**Many: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.**

One: Let us speak, hear, and embrace truth and the wisdom of God.

**Many: Strengthen and empower us, O God, according to your steadfast love.**

One: Let us hear joy and gladness. Restore our crushed spirits.

**Many: Revive us again, O God, according to your steadfast love.**

## \*Invocation (unison)

**Maker of Heaven and Earth, we rejoice in your presence. In you, we find joy and strength, comfort and courage, truth and insight. Speak to us again. Reveal your power in and through us. Show us your glory and be glorified in our worship. May your glorious light shine through hidden spaces. May your blessed darkness make space for rest. Fortify us for this journey and make us instruments of your kingdom. Amen.**

## A Time for Children

### Scripture

The Psalter: Psalm 19:7-14

(pew Bible pg. 550)

The Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

(pew Bible pg. 80)

This Morning's Sermon "The Building Blocks of the Christian Community" Rev. DTB

### A Time of Prayer

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

A Moment of Silence

Hymn {see insert} "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

WELLESLEY

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.**

### 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 to the usher smiling and nodding so the usher knows to move to the next person.*

Invitation

Offertory

"Amazing Grace"

arr. Jack Schrader

\*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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 #423

"Great is Your Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

\*Benediction

*Following the Benediction, we invite you to join us for a time of fellowship and refreshment in Chapel Hall (through the door at the front left of the sanctuary). Those who wish to remain and listen to the postlude are welcome to move to the front pews or remain in your seat.*

Postlude

"Fantasie on Ein' feste Burg"

J. Knowles Paine

**Please join us in the Chapel Hall for a time of fellowship and refreshment.**  
Enter through the door to the front left of the sanctuary.

State Street Church is a progressive, diverse, and tolerant 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.

### **Happening at State Street Church**

Sun. Sep 14 10:00 am Worship Service  
Sun. Sep 14 11:30 am Deacons Meeting  
Mon. Sep 15 7:00 pm Music Swap  
Wed. Sep 17 1-3 pm Clothes Closet  
Wed. Sep 17 6:30 pm Council Meeting  
Sun. Sep 28 11:30 am Book Group

### **Where you can park on Sunday Morning while attending State Street Church**

- 1. Street Parking** is free on Sunday
- 2. Conroy Tully Walker Funeral Home,** but only if there is not a "Funeral Home Only" sign at their lot entrance OR there is not a "No Parking" notice in the State Street Church weekly email.
- 3. The Portland Club,** be sure to get a pass for your windshield from an usher!

Restrooms are to the left and right of the hall at the back of the sanctuary.

Meaningful worship requires many people working together. We are grateful to everyone who worked to make this morning's service heartfelt and sincere.

**Deacons:** Tori Bachman and Nor Dale

**Live Streamer:** Tori Bachman

**Liturgist:** Zareen T. Mirza

**Greeter:** Steve Conroy

**Ushers:** Josh Davis and Denny Barrantes

**Fellowship Hosts:** Margy Soule and Bev Woodcock

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Reverend Bryan S. Breault, Pastor  
Kyle Bertulli, Music Director and Organist  
Kaylan Zipp, Christian Education Director  
Maryam Darjazi, Childcare Provider

