



Saint Paul's @ the Farm

A United Church of Christ Community

Welcoming you on Ascension Sunday

10:30 a.m. ~ May 17, 2026

Welcoming Saints and Sinners since 1900

Welcome to Saint Paul's @ The Farm! Here we believe this is God's house, a safe sacred space, and you are welcome. We hope this can be home to all who enter.

We strive to be a community as diverse and hospitable as we understand God's kingdom, welcoming saints and sinners alike since 1900. We don't all look or act alike, dress alike, and God knows we don't all think alike. We don't all read the Bible the same way. We bring different questions, and we carry different burdens. Yet, every time we gather, we fellowship and worship as one big family who love one another.



In this place, we do Sunday mornings in some fairly traditional ways. We study the teachings and the actions of Jesus. We sing many of the same hymns our grandparents sang and some that may be more modern as well. In our liturgy, our prayers, and our preaching, we wrestle with the challenges of understanding what scripture means to us this day. I hope your heart will hear something personal and relevant—a word of comfort, a spur to action, and a call to a deeper relationship with God.

If you are new here, before you leave today, please introduce yourself to Pastor Tim, and if you would, fill out a welcome card, found in the welcome envelope you received upon your arrival. Find us on Facebook and Instagram and check out our website at spuccfarm.org to learn more. Get involved in whatever way you choose. Jump right in. You may never know; you may have just found your church home. As we like to say to everyone who comes through the door, "Welcome Home."

A special note to parents: Come, sit in the front few rows—there's not much interesting about the backs of heads, and our littlest ones like to see too. We offer several options to help your family worship comfortably:

- ~ Staffed Nursery for newborns to three years of age, if you choose.
- ~ Children's Church immediately following "Time with Our Children" for ages 3 through 2nd grade.
- ~ Sensory Room for families with children who may need a quieter more flexible space during worship with professionally trained staff to assist in your childcare.

Here at The Farm, we believe all means all. Children of every ability and need are not just welcome—they are essential to who we are as a faith community. We find children to be truly the teachers and leaders among us, and we welcome them all with open arms. And we say to parents, please don't fret or worry, your child is just fine here.

Finally, if you are visiting and need anything at all, please don't hesitate to ask a neighbor, an usher, or the pastor. We are all so glad you are here!

Peace, Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Gathering of the Community

Gathering Music

Patricia Wagner

Chiming of the Hour

Choral Introit

“Alleluia, Alleluia” / Wordsworth

***“Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav’n and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.”***

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo and Niki Weber

Centering Music ~ Bell Choir

“All Night, All Day” / S. E. Geschke

Sharing the Light

Finn Rosboschil

*Call to Worship

Niki Weber

Niki: Have you ever felt the weight of waiting? The uncertainty of living between what was and what's coming?

Family: We are here. Present. Waiting. Listening.

Niki: The promise is: you will receive power. Not power to understand everything. Power to witness. To walk together. And you are not alone.

Family: We are not alone.

Niki: This morning we gather as a people in the in-between. We gather knowing the Holy Spirit is here. We gather ready to remember: our unity is our witness.

**ALL: Come, Holy Spirit. Fill us. Unite us. Send us. We are ready to witness—
together, in this place, to the ends of the earth. Let us worship together.**

*Hymn of Praise, no. 277

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Proclaiming the Word

God Moments & Concerns of the Family

Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Preparing our Hearts for Prayer

“We Are the Reason” / D. Meece

***“We are the reason that He gave His life, we are the reason that He suffered and died.
To a world that was lost He gave all He could give, to show us the reason to live.”***

Silent Reflection and Family at Prayer

*The Lord’s Prayer (unison)

****Our Father, 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 *sins as we forgive those who have **sinned against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

***May use name/words most familiar to your understanding of God.*

Chancel Choir Anthem

“The Lord Is My Strength and Song” / M. McDonald

The Lord is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation. I will rejoice! I will rejoice for the Lord is the strength of my life! Whom shall I fear? Why should I be afraid? He is my God, and forever I'll sing His praise! The Lord is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation. I will rejoice! I will rejoice in the Lord. I will lift my eyes unto the hills to seek the Lord! He is the source of my strength! He is the Rock of salvation. Almighty God is He!

Time with Our Children

Colleen Franciscus

Lectionary

Dennis Burns

Epistle Lesson: Acts 1:6-11 (page 830 in your pew Bible)

*Gospel Lesson: John 17:1-11 (page 825 in your pew Bible)

Lector: This is the word of God for all God's Children.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Lectionary Response

“Gloria Patri” / trad.

“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.”

Sermon

“An Interactive Invitation”
Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Responding to the Word

*Sermon Response

“Open My Eyes, That I May See” / C. Scott

“Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see;

Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!”

Offering

Offertory

Patricia Wagner

Presentation of Our Gifts

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*Offertory Response

“Doxology” / T. Kern

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.”

*Offertory Prayer

Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

*Sending Hymn, no 286

“Blessed Be the Tie That Binds”

*Benediction

*Benedictory Response

“Because He Lives” / W. Gaither

“Because He lives, I can face tomorrow, because He lives all fear is gone;

Because I know He holds the future. And life is worth the living just because He lives.”

*Postlude

Patricia Wagner

*Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.

Saint Paul's Leadership Team

Pastor	Timothy Hogan-Palazzo
Church Chaplain	Kate Schaeffer
Church Administrative Assistant	Donna Spear
Director of Chancel and Bell Choirs, Pianist	Patricia Wagner
Organist, Accompanist, and Director of Children's Choir	Sharon Styer
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Child Care Attendant	Katy Mahon
Sensory Classroom Coordinator	Logan Wenrick
Sexton	Steve Brown
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