

Saint Paul's @ the Farm

A United Church of Christ Community Welcoming you on The Third Sunday in Lent 10:30 a.m. March 3, 2024

Welcoming Saints and Sinners since 1900



Welcome to Saint Paul's! Here we believe this is God's house, and you are welcome. This is 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 gather, fellowship, and worship as one big family. In this place, we do Sunday mornings in some pretty 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 the modern world we live in. I hope your heart will hear something personal and relevant this day—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 the pastor, and if you would, fill out a welcome card. Check out our Facebook page or website to learn more about us and 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 for our littlest ones. They like to see too. Should you choose, we have a staffed nursery open for newborns to three years of age. Additionally, we offer Children's Church immediately following the "time with our children" for children ages 3 through 2nd grade. We find children to be truly the teachers and leaders of our faith community and welcome them all with open arms.

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

Peace, n-Palazzo

Pastor Tímothy Hogan-Palazzo

Gathering of the Community

Gathering Music Sharon Styer

Choral Introit

"We Walk in Love" / D. Witkowski & L. Colon

"We walk in love united in purpose. We join our hands and lift up one voice. We live in love with strength and compassion, resounding with hope, with courage and joy."

Welcome Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

News from the Pews

Lisa Bernard

Time of Centering ~ Bell Choir "Ah, Holy Jesus" / M. Compton

Sharing of the Light Riley Gill

*Call to Worship Lisa Bernard

Leader: Lord, we stand at the well where the waters have been stirred by fear and doubt.

People: Lord, we seek to calm waters with our hope and presence.

Leader: When the waters are tainted with anger and hate.

People: We seek to stand firm in love.

Leader: Lord, when our neighbors arrive thirsty at the wells of very being,

People: Let us do all we can to offer waters of peace and hope.

All: Lord, bring us to the well of salvation based on the assurance of God's love for

all God's children. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise, no. 585

"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

Proclaiming the Word

God Moments and Concerns of the Family

Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Preparing our Hearts for Prayer

"I Love You, Lord" / L. Klein

"I Love You, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship You.
O my soul, rejoice! Take joy, my King, in what You hear;
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear."

Pastoral Prayer / Family at Prayer

Chancel Choir "Vision of the Cross" / arr. S. Paul

Time with Our Children Colleen Franciscus

Lectionary Frank Wetzel and Amy Mahon

*Gospel Lesson: Luke 6:32-36 (page 786 in your pew Bible)

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

*All: Thanks be to God.

*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."

Message

"It's All Wrong" Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Responding to the Word

Reflecting on the Message

"O, How He Loves You and Me"/K. Kaiser

"O how He loves you and me. O, how He loves you and me; He gave His life, what more could He give?

O, how He loves you; O, how He loves me; O, how He loves you and me."

Offering

Offertory "Lacrymosa" / D.E. Wagner

Sharon Styer

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

Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Lenten Communion

Invitation

God is with us! Pastor: We are not alone! Family: Pastor: Lift up your hearts. Family: We lift them up to God.

This table is open to all yet required by none. Come as you are led and join us for this meal of remembrance and grace. Gluten free elements are available upon request.

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

*Closing Hymn, no. 398

"Fill My Cup, Lord"

*Benediction

*Benedictory Response

"Lift High the Cross" / G. Kitchin

"Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim, Till all the world adore His sacred name."

*Postlude

"Festive March" / D. Lasky Sharon Styer

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

Altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Cathy Ward in memory of her dad, Robert Frank.

Saint Paul's Leadership Team

Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Church Administrative Assistant Donna Spear

Director of Chancel and Bell Choirs, Pianist Patricia Wagner

Organist, Accompanist, and

Director of Children's Choir Sharon Styer

Director of Faith Formation & Children's Church Colleen Franciscus

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