

Saint Paul's @ the Farm

A United Church of Christ Community

Welcoming you on the 16th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 a.m. ~ September 13, 2026 ~ Homecoming Sunday



Welcoming Saints and Sinners since 1900

Welcoming Dave



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 and Chiming of the Hour

Sharon Styer

Choral Introit ~ Chancel Choir

"Kyrie" / Arch by S. Garnaas-Holmes

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo and Drew Faust

Centering Music

“Gathering” / J. Brickman / Sharon Styer

Sharing the Light

Lucy Rosboschil

*Call to Worship

Drew Faust

Drew: We gather this morning—some of us returning after a long time away, some of us here for the first time, some of us who have never left. We come with different stories, different convictions, different reasons for being in this place.

Family: And we are all welcome here.

Drew: Paul writes to a church divided over what matters most, and he reminds them: each of us will give an account to God, not to one another. We are not here to judge each other's faith or police each other's choices.

Family: We are here to learn what it means to follow Christ.

Drew: Jesus teaches us to forgive—not seven times, but seventy times seven. Not because people deserve it, but because unforgiveness builds walls, and grace tears them down. Grace makes room for people to come home.

Family: We come home to a God who welcomes us.

Drew: So, whether you've been away for a season or a lifetime, whether you're wrestling with doubt or resting in faith, whether you're here out of habit or hope—Christ meets you this morning. Not with judgment. With love.

All: Let us worship the God who gathers us, welcomes us, and calls us to love one another as we have been loved.

*Hymn of Praise, no. 468

“The King of Love, My Shepherd Is”

Proclaiming the Word

God Moments & Concerns of the Family

Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Preparing our Hearts for Prayer

“Near to the Heart of God” / C. McAfee

**“There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God,
a place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God.”**

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

“I Must Tell Jesus” / M. Hayes

I must tell Jesus all of my trials; I cannot bear these burdens alone; In my distress He kindly will help me; He ever loves and cares for His own. I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus! I cannot bear my burdens alone. I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus! Jesus can help me, yes He can, Jesus alone, Jesus alone. I must tell Jesus all of my troubles; He is a kind, oh so kind, compassionate friend. If I but ask Him, He will deliver, make of my troubles quickly an end. Tempted and tried, yes, tried, I need a great Savior, One who can help my burdens to bear; I must tell Jesus, I must tell Jesus; He all my cares and sorrows will share.

Time with Our Children

Colleen Franciscus

Lectionary

Kate Schaeffer

Epistle Lesson: Romans 14:1-10 (*page 867 in your pew Bible*)
*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 18:21-35 (*page 749 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

"You're in My Way"
Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Responding to the Word

*Sermon Response

"The Servant Song" / R. Gillard

***"We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on this road
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load."***

Offering

Offertory

"Coming Home" / J. Brickman / Sharon Styer

Presentation of Our Gifts

To give electronically, you may scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin

*Offertory Response

"All Things Bright and Beautiful" / C. Alexander

***"All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful; the Lord God made them all."***

*Offertory Prayer

Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

*Sending Hymn

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

***1 Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.***

***2 Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.***

***3 Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be
Moved in living situations to do the truth in love;
to practice your acceptance, until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.***

***4 Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;
renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!***

*Benediction

*Benedictory Response

"Halle, Halle, Halleluja" / trad. Caribbean

***"Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halle, Halle, Halleluja!
Halleluja! Hallelu, Halleluja!"***

*Postlude

"Joyful We Adore Thee" / arr. S. Styer / Sharon Styer

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

Altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God
in honor of Bill Bernard's birthday and in remembrance of those lost 25 years ago on 9/11
by Lisa, Emily, and Pat
and in celebration of Homecoming Sunday by Saint Paul's @ The Farm

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
Director of Faith Connections & Children's Church Explorers Teacher	Colleen Franciscus
Ministry Support Coordinator	Nicole Cuer
Faith Connections Music & Movement Facilitator	Ashley Rosboschil
Child Care Attendant / Pathfinders Teacher	Krysta Moyer
Child Care Attendant	Katy Mahon
Sensory Classroom Coordinator	Available
Sexton	Steve Brown
Tech Team	Chip Palazzo, Ryan Arnold, Drew Faust, Derek Longan, Heath Hansum, Tim Longan
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Treasurer	Doug Hagerman

Consistory

Brad Gill – President/Trustee	Lisa Bernard ('27) – Vice President/Lead Deacon
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