

Saint Paul's @ the Farm

A United Church of Christ Community

Welcoming you on the 17th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 a.m. ~ September 20, 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 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 Jen Arnold

Centering Music ~ Bell Choir

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” / arr. P. Hurlbutt

Sharing the Light

Emerson Council

*Call to Worship

Jen Arnold

Jen: We gather as people who keep score—counting our hours, measuring our worth.

Family: But God's mercy exceeds our accounting.

Jen: We come a lot like Jonah, wondering if it is fair that grace covers even our enemies?

Family: Yet, God's mercy is for everyone.

Jen: Turn to someone close around you now and share the good news, “God's mercy and grace covers you.”

Jen: Let us rejoice that friends and enemies alike are loved this way.

Family: Let us offer praise to God whose grace is wider than our understanding, deeper than our deserving, and more joyful than we dare imagine.

All: Amen.

*Hymn of Praise, no. 3

“Praise My Soul the King of Heaven”

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

“All My Trials” / arr. J. Leavitt

*If religion were a thing that money could buy, the rich would live and the poor would die.
All my trials, Lord, soon be over. I had a little book was given to me, and ev'ry page spelled liberty,
spelled liberty. All my trials, Lord, soon be over. Too late my brother but never mind. All my trials, Lord, soon be
over. So hush little baby, don't you cry, you know that man was born to die.
All my trials, Lord, soon be over.*

The Sacrament of Baptism

Elowyn Cade Cree

b. May 10, 2026

Parents: Hillary & Ethan Cree

God Parents: Morgan Costello & Dillon Durinick

The Story of Baptism

Congregational Assent

Pastor: ...Do you promise your love, support, and care to Elowyn Cade Cree, her parents and God Parents, and extended family?

Church: We promise our love, support, grace, and care.

Baptism and Introduction of Elowyn to her Faith Family

Baptismal Hymn ~ Amy Armstrong, soloist

“Borning Cry” / J. Ylvisaker

Time with Our Children

Colleen Franciscus

Lectionary

Michelle Dressler

Hebrew Lesson: Jonah 3:10-4:11 (page 705 in your pew Bible)

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 20:1-16 (page 750 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

“Let’s Be Fair Here!”

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

“Little Chaconne” / G. Hamilton / 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, no. 68

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

*Benediction

*Benedictory Response

“Halle, Halle, Halleluja” / trad. Caribbean

“Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halle, Halle, Halleluja!

Halleluja! Hallelu, Halleluja!”

*Postlude

“God of Grace and God of Glory” / J.W. Krug / 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 Pastor Tim by Roxann Deitrick.

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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