



Saint Paul's @ the Farm

A United Church of Christ Community

Welcoming you on the 13th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 a.m. ~ August 23, 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

"Celebration" / F. Frank

"You, you, you, you, you know what to do. It's time to put your phone down and raise your attitude. The God who made the birds, sea, sun, and the moon isn't somewhere far away, He is standin' in the room. So let it scream, let it shout, let 'em know what you're about. Keep it movin' and groovin' don't leave a single doubt that today is the day that the Lord has created. Why would I sit around just waitin'? Let's have a celebration. It's time to clap our hands and stomp our feet. Let's have a celebration. If you believe that Jesus set you free, it's time to celebrate, ate, ate, ate, ate, ate. Don't sit there waitin' let's have a celebration."

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo and Susie Gearhart

Centering Music ~ Bryan Noaker

"Have Thine Own Way" / A. Pollard

Sharing the Light

Cato Kazibwe

*Call to Worship

Susie Gearhart

Susie: In our texts today, we will hear Jesus ask us a question: "Who do you say I am?" Not what have you heard. Not what people say. But you—who do you say I am?

Family: We say you are the real thing, Jesus. The one who sees us truly.

Susie: And God invites us to bring something real too. Not the version of ourselves we think you want. Not the mask we wear for the world. But our actual, honest, beautiful selves.

Family: We come as we are—broken and whole, doubting and believing, strong and struggling.

Susie: Each of us carries gifts. Different gifts. All needed. The prophet and the teacher. The giver and the caregiver. The leader and the listener. God doesn't ask us to be someone else.

Family: God asks us to be exactly who we are made to be, authentically ourselves.

Susie: So, this morning, let's offer ourselves—real and true—to God and to one another.

All: We offer our whole selves. We build each other up. We live as the real thing. Thanks be to God.

*Hymn of Praise, no. 410

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Proclaiming the Word

God Moments & Concerns of the Family

Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Preparing our Hearts for Prayer

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" / K. Medema

"Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send Your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to Your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace."

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.*

Special Music ~ Bryan Noaker

"A Little Less Like Me" / Z. Williams

Time with Our Children

Colleen Franciscus

Lectionary

Chris Arnold

Epistle Lesson: Romans 12:1-8 (page 866 in your pew Bible)

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 16:13-20 (page 747 in your pew Bible)

Chris: 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

"Ain't Nothing Like the Real Thing"

Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Responding to the Word

Sermon Response

"I'll Be There" / Jackson 5

"You and I must make a pact, we must bring salvation back, where there is love, I'll be there (I'll be there). I'll reach out my hand to you, I'll have faith in all you do, just call my name and I'll be there."

Offering

Offertory

"Angel's Song" / I. Grichetchkine / 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

Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

*Sending Hymn

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

**1 Lord, I want to be a Christian
in my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.**

**3 Lord, I want to be more holy
in my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.**

**2 Lord, I want to be more loving
in my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.**

**4 Lord, I want to be like Jesus
in my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.**

*Benediction

*Benedictory Response

"Reach Out and Touch (Somebody's Hand)" / D. Ross

**"Reach out and touch somebody's hand, make this world a better place if you can;
Reach out and touch somebody's hand, make this world a better place if you can."**

*Postlude

"Christians, We Have Met to Worship" / arr. D.E. Wagner / Sharon Styer

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

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Louise Litzy and Jennifer Van Horn in celebration of their 11th anniversary.

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
Financial Secretary	Dianne Covert
Treasurer	Doug Hagerman

Consistory

Brad Gill – President/Trustee	Lisa Bernard ('27) – Vice President/Lead Deacon
Amy Armstrong ('26) – Secretary/Deacon	Holly Barbella ('28) – Deacon
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