



Saint Paul's @ the Farm

A United Church of Christ Community

Welcoming you for the Ordination of Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

August 30, 2026 ~ 3:00 p.m.

Welcoming Saints and Sinners since 1900

Dear Ones,

Not long ago, a dear friend gave me a gift—an old cast-iron doorstep, the kind used to flatten clothes back before electricity, heated by a fire, circa the late 1800s or early 1900s. She'd seen me admire it in her home, and days later, she showed up at my office door with it in hand and a note that read: "This gift is about propping the door open to radical hospitality, defending the vulnerable, and offering comfort for the brokenness we all carry."

I have thought about that note every day since.

Because if I'm honest, that's exactly what has happened to me for more than 23 years. So many of you have propped a door open for me—held it, wedged it, refused to let it close—so I could walk through into becoming who I am today. My mom, who loved me before I knew what a call even was. My husband, who has stood beside me for 18 years, steady and unwavering. Friends who became family, and family who became friends. Clergy, colleagues, and mentors who saw something in me long before I saw it myself. Seven years of seminary. Ten-plus years finding my home in the United Church of Christ. Congregations who welcomed a stranger and made him one of their own. Literal hundreds of saints along the way—some for a season, some for a lifetime—all of them holding the door.



So, hear me clearly: today is not something I earned or achieved alone. Ordination is grace—plain and holy—made visible through every person who ever welcomed me, comforted me in my brokenness, or defended me when I was vulnerable. Whatever is placed on me today, you placed there first, one open door at a time.

So welcome—truly, joyfully welcome—to this celebration, here @ The Farm. Welcome family, friends, mentors, saints, and strangers who've become family. Welcome to grace. Welcome to gratitude. Welcome to the renewed calling we now step into together—to serve Christ and this church with our whole hearts, door held open, for whoever comes in and whatever comes next.

Thank you for the years. Thank you for the doors. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart and welcome home to Saint Paul's @ The Farm.

With deep gratitude, Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Gathering of the Community

Prelude Music

Sharon Styer

Chiming of the Hour

Centering Music

"Blessed Assurance" / arr. P. Palmer Knapp

Sharon Styer and Shelley Peterson, Organ / Piano Duet

Introduction to the Occasion

Chaplain Kate Schaeffer

Choral Introit

"Holy Ground" / arr. G. Davis
Sergio Fasnacht, Soloist

Sharing of the Light

Rhett Sample

*Central Association Greeting

Rev. Amelia Price, Secretary, Central Association

You are invited to stand in body or spirit as you are able.

Rev. Amelia Price:

Grace and peace to you from God—the God who was, who is, and who is to come...
We're honored to be here with brothers and sisters across this denomination and welcome our ecumenical partners as we join with this faith family, to witness, and to lay our hands on Timothy in prayer and to share in this ordination with you all.

The Church:

To God, who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or imagine—to God be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus, now and always, forever and ever.

All: Amen.

*Hymn of Praise, no. 43

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

*Pastoral Prayer

Rev. John Yost, Dreisbach UCC

Proclaiming of the Word

Time with Our Children

Colleen Franciscus

Lectionary

Richard Armstrong and Lisa Bernard

Hebrew Lessons: Genesis 22:11; 46:2; Exodus 3:4; 1 Samuel 3:4; Isaiah 6:8

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 28:16-20

Lisa: 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."

Message

"Man of God"
Chaplain Kate Schaeffer

Responding to the Word

Choral Response to the Message

"I Surrender All" / arr. S. DeCesare
Rachel Henry and Sergio Fasnacht, duet

Presentation of the Candidate

Bradley Gill, Consistory President
Dr. Rev. Ruth Mary Schaffer

Exhortation

Dr. Rev. Ruth Mary Schaffer

Examination

Rev. Dr. Nora Faust, Mentor & Transitional Associate Conference Minister

Acclamation

Rev. Amelia Price
All Official Delegates of the Association

Rev. Amelia Price:

People of God, you have heard the promises Tim has made. What is your will?

Association Members:

By the grace of God, we affirm Timothy Hogan-Palazzo, called and ready! Let us ordain Tim. Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Rev. Amelia Price:

Will you support Tim in the ministry of Christ?

Association Members: We will.

Laying on of Hands

Chaplain Kate Schaeffer, Rev. Daniel Busch,
Colleen Franciscus, Chris Arnold,
Niki Weber, Dale Cuer

Special Music

"Here I Am, Lord" / arr. J. Schrader
Rachel Henry, soloist

Declaration

Rev. Dr. Nora Faust
Dr. Rev. Ruth Mary Schaffer

Presentations and Greetings

Family of Saint Paul's
Local Congregations
Ecumenical Partners, Association and Conference

Words of Appreciation

Rev. Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Communion

Rev. Timothy Hogan-Palazzo
Assisting: Chaplain Kate Schaeffer, Brad Gill, Lisa Bernard,
Barbara Wagner, Chip Palazzo,
Ben & Sam Barbella, Riley Gill, Skylar Ritter

Communion Music

"I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked" / G. O'Hara
Sharon Styer, Rachel Henry, Sergio Fasnacht, vocal ensemble
"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" / T. Fettke
Sergio Fasnacht, Rachel Henry, duet

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.*

Benediction & Blessing

Rev. Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Choral Response

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You" / arr. J. Rutter
Amy Armstrong, Rachel Henry, Sergio Fasnacht, Ethan Cree, vocal ensemble

Postlude

"A Joyful Celebration" / Sharon Styer / P.L Harris

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

All are invited to a Down-Home Farm Dinner and time of Fellowship here @ 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
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
Jeanie Counsil ('28) – Deacon	Ethan Cree ('28) – Trustee
Don Emory ('26) – Deacon	Drew Faust ('27) – Deacon
Joanna Johnson ('27) – Trustee	Christine Parker ('27) – Deacon
Amy Rearick ('26) – Deacon	Kathy Showers ('28) – Deacon
Jennifer Van Horn ('26) – Trustee	

Church Contact and Connections

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Online Directory:	https://engage.suran.com/spuccfarm
Online Events Calendar:	https://www.spuccfarm.org/calendar

Not able to be here in person on Sunday morning? Join us LIVE on Facebook and YouTube.

Connect with us online at: <http://www.spuccfarm.org> and follow us on Facebook. CCLI 11376236 / CSPL126882



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