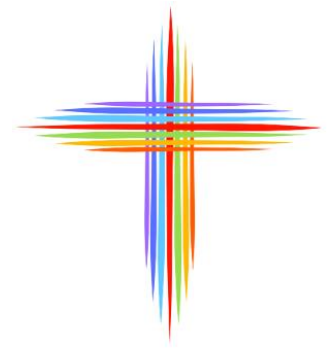


# Saint Paul's @ the Farm

*A United Church of Christ Community*

Welcoming you on the Seventh Sunday of Easter

10:30 a.m. ~ June 1, 2025 ~ Communion Service



## Welcoming Saints and Sinners since 1900

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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. Find us on Facebook and check out our website at [spuccfarm.org](http://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 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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,  
Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo*

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## Gathering of the Community

Gathering Music

Sharon Styer

Chiming of the Hour

Introit

*"Alleluia! Alleluia!" / C. Wordsworth*

***"Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise."***

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo and Susie Gearhart

Invocation

Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Time of Centering ~ Bell Choir

*"Crossing Jordan"* / arr. L. Scholes

Sharing of the Light

Kate Parker

\*Call to Worship

Susie Gearhart

Leader: Clap your hands, all you people; shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**Family: Christ has arisen from the grave!**

Leader: He died and rose that we might have eternal life.

**Family: We sing and celebrate, for Christ has ascended to God, his Parent and our Creator, that we might experience God's presence and power,**

**All: In community for us all. Alleluia! Amen!**

\*Hymn of Praise, no. 234

*"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

## Proclaiming the Word

God Moments & Concerns of the Family

Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Preparing our Hearts for Prayer

*"We Are the Reason"* / D. Meese

***"We are the reason that He gave His life. We are the reason that He suffered and died.***

***To a world that was lost, He gave all He could give, to show us a reason to live."***

Silent Reflection and Pastoral Prayer

Chancel Choir Anthem

*"Hands Are Knockin'"* / K. Pederson

Benjamin Laubach, tubano

Kelly Kazibwe and Jay Falgo, soloists

Time with Our Children

Colleen Franciscus

Lectionary

Cyndy Kister

Hebrew Lesson: Psalm 47 (*page 438 in your pew Bible*)

\*Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:44-53 (*page 808 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

*"Strengthening Connections"*

Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

## Responding to the Word

Sermon Response

*"Come, Share the Lord"* / B.J. Leech

***"We gather here in Jesus' name, His love is burning in our hearts like living flame;***

***for through His loving Son the Father makes us one:***

***Come take the bread; come, drink the wine; come share the Lord."***

## Confession of Faith

Pastor: While we claim to celebrate the ascension of our Lord, the way we live proclaims our lack of faith in his power to deal with our world. Let us confess the incongruity between our faith and practice. Let us pray.

**All: We come, O Lord, on this day of glory to confess our lack of trust. While we sing of your lordship over all creation, we have too often acted as though you are powerless in the face of today's events. Help us to live with confidence in your presence today and sharing hope for your kingdom here on earth and in life with you forever. Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

### Communion

### Communion Hymn

*"One Bread, One Body"* / J. Foley  
Jay Falgo, soloist

### \*Sending Hymn, no. 426

*"The Lord's Prayer"*

### \*Benediction

### \*Benedictory Response

*"Lift High the Cross"* / G. W. Kitchin

***"Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim; till all the world adore his sacred name."***

### \*Postlude

*"The Heavens Are Telling"* / arr. L. Leatherman / Sharon Styer

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

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*Flowers are given to the Glory of God  
by Harriet Zeyn in memory of George Zeyn, Jr.  
and by Merle Kay & Jerry Englehart in celebration of their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.*

## Notes about today's offering:



Saint Paul's uses secure online giving through "Engage." If you wish to make an electronic contribution to Saint Paul's @ The Farm, United Church of Christ, point your phone or device camera to the QR Code. Or, visit our church website and click the Give button. <https://www.spuccfarm.org/>

If you are returning a portion of what you have been gifted today in person through your tithes and offerings, we would ask you to place those gifts in the offering plates as you come up for communion. A third plate will be placed at the sanctuary doors for those who wish not to or are unable to come forward for communion.

# 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
Child Care Attendant	Krysta Moyer
Sensory Classroom Coordinator	Logan Wenrick
Sexton	Steve Brown
Tech Team	Chip Palazzo, Ryan Arnold, Drew Faust, Elias Franciscus, Derek Longan, Heath Hansum
Financial Secretary	Dianne Covert
Treasurer	Doug Hagerman

## Consistory

Brad Gill – President/Trustee	Lisa Bernard ('27) – Vice President/Lead Deacon
Amy Armstrong ('26) – Secretary/Deacon	Jen Arnold ('25) – Deacon
Don Emory ('26) – Deacon	Drew Faust ('27) – Deacon
Joanna Johnson ('27) – Trustee	Amy Mahon ('25) – Deacon
Dave Muffley ('25) – Trustee	Christine Parker ('27) – Deacon
Amy Rearick ('26) – Deacon	Kathy Rowe ('25) – Deacon
Dane Santos ('25) – Deacon	Jennifer Van Horn ('26) – Trustee

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Online Events Calendar:	<a href="https://www.spuccfarm.org/calendar">https://www.spuccfarm.org/calendar</a>

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