

# Prospect Street United Methodist Church

185 S. Prospect Street, Marion, OH 43302

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Pastor, Joshua Freshour

**Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**10:30 a.m.**



## Mission Statement:

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to grow in our commitment to Christ,  
to serve others, and welcome all people."

# *2nd Sunday of Easter*

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\*Please stand if you are able

Please silence electronic devices

NOISY COLLECTION

Peanut Butter & Jelly Truck

WELCOME

Terry Huff

OPENING PRAISE SONG

**"He Is Exalted"**  
**He is exalted,**  
**the King is exalted on high;**  
**I will praise Him.**  
**He is exalted, forever exalted**  
**and I will praise His name!**  
**He is the Lord,**  
**forever His truth shall reign;**  
**Heaven and earth**  
**rejoice in His holy name.**  
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**the King is exalted on high.**  
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PASS THE PEACE

Leader:

The Lord Be With You

People:

And Also with You

CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

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PRELUDE

Jim Anderson & Gary Flach

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory" arr. by Lani Smith

## Lighting of the Altar Candles

*Use this time to prepare your heart for worship*

### RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Being obedient to the world means knowing your place.

**People: Knowing where you belong and where you don't.**

Leader: Being obedient to the world means conforming to it.

**People: When we conform to the world, we are formed in fear.**

Leader: But when we are obedient to Christ, we are free.

**People: And when we conform to Christ, we are transformed into the new creation we were designed to be.**

#### \*OPENING HYMN

"O Church of God, United"

#547

**1. O church of God, united  
to serve one common Lord,  
proclaim to all one message,  
with hearts in glad accord.  
Christ ever goes before us;  
we follow day by day  
with strong and  
eager footsteps  
along the upward way.**

**2. From every land  
and nation  
the ordered ranks appear;  
to serve one  
valiant leader  
they come from far and near.  
They chant their  
one confession,  
they praise one living Lord,  
and place their  
sure dependence  
upon his saving word.**

**3. Though creeds  
and tongues may differ,  
they speak,  
O Christ, of thee;  
and in thy loving spirit  
we shall one people be.  
Lord, may our  
faithful service  
and singleness of aim  
proclaim to all the power  
of thy redeeming name.**

**4. May thy great  
prayer be answered  
that we may all be one,  
close bound,  
by love united  
in thee, God's blessed Son:**

to bring a single witness,  
to make the  
pathway bright,  
that souls which  
grope in darkness  
may find the one true light.

**\*INVOCATION**

Gracious loving Lord, we call upon You today to give us the courage and strength to be obedient to You. We pray for strength and courage because being obedient to You and Your will is no easy task. It means taking the difficult road. We confess that we have found it easier in our lives to go with the flow of the world. But this is not the kind of obedience You ask of us. In our obedience to You, O God, You call upon us to take a stand. In a world in which many pretend to be something they are not, You God call upon us to stand up to trend setting, culture defining bullies. To silence them in the name of Jesus. Thus setting the unloved, undervalued, captives of our communities and neighborhoods free. Amen.

**WITNESS IN MUSIC**

“Alleluia He Lives!”

Senior Choir

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

“Jesus Loves Me” vs. 1

Children under age four may go to the Nursery  
Children ages four through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade are dismissed for Junior Worship

**OFFERING**

Offertory

Vocal Duet by Jim Anderson & Lynette Burris

“I’ve Just Seen Jesus” by Bill & Gloria Gaither

\*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

#95

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Acts 5:27-32

<sup>27</sup> When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup> saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” <sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup> The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you have killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup> God exalted him at the right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup> And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

**MESSAGE**

***“God is the Boss of me!”***

Pastor Josh Freshour

**HYMN OF PRAYER**

“Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus”

#349

**Turn your eyes  
upon Jesus,  
look full in his  
wonderful face, (wonderful face,)  
and the things of earth  
will grow strangely dim  
in the light of his  
glory and grace.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass 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.

## \*CLOSING HYMN

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

#327

1. Crown him with  
many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne.  
Hark! how the heavenly  
anthem drowns  
all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as  
thy matchless King  
through all eternity.

2. Crown him  
the Lord of life,  
who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious  
in the strife  
for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing,  
who died, and rose on high,  
who died, eternal  
life to bring,  
and lives that  
death may die.

3. Crown him  
the Lord of peace,  
whose power a scepter sways  
from pole to pole,  
that wars may cease,  
and all be prayer and praise.  
His reign shall  
know no end,  
and round his pierced feet  
fair flowers of  
paradise extend  
their fragrance ever sweet.

4. Crown him  
the Lord of love;  
behold his hands and side,  
those wounds,

yet visible above,  
in beauty glorified.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For thou hast  
died for me;  
thy praise and glory  
shall not fail  
throughout eternity.

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“God Be With You”  
God be with you till we meet again;  
by his counsels guide, uphold you,  
with his sheep securely fold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
till we meet at Jesus’ feet;  
till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE

“Morning Song” arr. by John S. Dixon

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Greeters/Acolytes: Mike & Linda Mills

*Next Sunday Scripture: Acts 9: 1-20 & Sermon Title: “Scared Straight”*

*The clear candle burning on our altar signifies our appreciation for the men and women serving our country during this time of national concern.*

**Monday Morning Bible Study Group** will meet **tomorrow** morning at 9:30 a.m.

The **UWIF Executive Board** will meet **tomorrow** at 2 p.m.

**Laundry Love Ministry** will be **tomorrow** at 4:30 p.m. at the Southtown Cleaning Village, 355 S. Main Street in Marion.

The **Wesley Scholarship Team** will meet on **Wednesday, April 30**, at 6 p.m. in the Library.

You can still thank **Neil Miller** - You may send cards of thanks to **Neil Miller** at **543 Summit Street Marion, Ohio 43302** or you may place your card for Neil in the box at PSUMC that will be located at the back of the sanctuary.

The **church office** will be closed on Mondays and Fridays beginning **May 1**.

If you or someone you know is **graduating from high school or college**, please call the church office.

The **Martha Horne Circle** will meet **Thursday, May 1**, at 6:30 p.m. Kathy and Bonnie Castle are hostesses. April Taylor will provide the program.

**National Day of Prayer** - On **May 1**, once again, we will hold a National Day of Prayer 24-hour Prayer Vigil! To accomplish this goal, your help is needed! The idea is a chain of praying people, each lifting our nation in prayer for a specific half-hour shift. The overall goal is one full day of prayer with someone from our "church family" praying for our nation and her leaders during each of the 48 segments, for a total chain of 24 uninterrupted hours of prayer. The sign-up sheet (with a post-it note reminder for you to place on your calendar!) is in the foyer. Won't you prayerfully consider taking a time-slot to help us reach this goal?

**Have You Taken Control of Your Health Today?** Life Line Screening will be here at Prospect Street United Methodist Church on **Friday, May 2**, offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health for yourself, your family and your community, please register for these health screenings today. Please refer to the attached flyer to get more info about how you can sign up. There is no time like the present to take action!

**Three ways to register:**

- **Call toll-free: 1-888-814-0466 promo code HSCA001**
- **Online: <https://www.ilsa.social/hzca>**
- **Text: the word circle to 216-279-1607**

The **Sacrament of Holy Communion** will be served at both services on **Sunday, May 4**.

A **special offering** for "Native American Ministries Sunday" will be collected **Sunday, May 4**.

The **Prayer Team** will meet on **Sunday, May 4**, during the Sunday School Hour.

The **Board of Trustees** will meet on **Monday, May 5**, at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The **Finance Team** will meet on **Thursday, May 8**, at 7 p.m. in the Upper Room.

On Mother's Day, **May 11**, at 7pm in PSUMC's sanctuary, EJ Walker's Next Generation Voice Studio will present **"Jukebox"** a recital of songs from musicals featuring popular music from the ages. With a cast of 10 student's and guests from 9 years old to adults the show will contain such memorable songs as "We Got the Beat," "Dancing in the Street," and "Natural Woman." Admission is free and the show should last about an hour. All are encouraged to come and bring family and friends to celebrate the "Music of our Youth."

The **Staff-Pastor-Parish-Relations Team** will meet on **Monday, May 12**, at 6 p.m. in the Upper Room.

The **Education Team** will meet on **Tuesday, May 13**, at 6 p.m. in the Upper Room.

The **Leadership Team** will meet on **Thursday, May 15**, at 6 p.m. in the Upper Room.

Once again, Prospect Street United Methodist Church has the honor of hosting The Cardinal Chorale, under the direction of Mr. Charles R. Snyder on **Saturday, June 7**. As in the past, we **ABSOLUTELY MUST** have assistance from our congregation in order for the concert to happen.

- **MARK** the date on your calendars.
- **HOUSING** is a dire necessity. We must have approximately 10 homes from PSUMC. Host homes will have 2-4 singers. Hosts provide a light snack after the concert (water/fruit) bedding, shower/towels, and a light breakfast for the morning. You will need to pick them up after the concert and bring them back in the morning.
- **DONATIONS** - If you are unable to attend the concert or host singers, you can support the Chorale through a financial gift. Money is needed to help pay for their week-long traveling tour. Donations of any size are truly appreciated.

Please contact the church office to let us know if you can assist with this concert in any way.

**Watch our services on YouTube!** Just go to our website and click the YouTube link. Our website address is: [www.prospectstreetumc.com](http://www.prospectstreetumc.com).

**E-Tithing** is an automatic withdrawal from your checking account and is remitted automatically to the church. We can set it up so it will deduct from your checking account on the 1<sup>st</sup> and/or the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Contact the church office for more information!

**Attendance April 20:** Sunday School – 31      Worship Services – 100/125

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