

# Prospect Street United Methodist Church

185 S. Prospect Street, Marion, OH 43302

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Pastor, Joshua Freshour

**Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**10:30 a.m.**



## Mission Statement:

“We are united to love God,  
to grow in our commitment to Christ,  
to serve others, and welcome all people.”

# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

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\*Please stand if you are able

Please silence electronic devices

WELCOME

Terry Huff

OPENING PRAISE SONG

**“O How He Loves You and Me!”  
O how He loves you and me!  
O how He loves you and me!  
He gave His life.  
What more could He give?  
O how He loves you;  
O how He loves me;  
O how He loves you and me!  
Jesus to Calv’ry did go;  
His love for sinners to show.  
What He did there  
brought hope from despair.  
O how He loves you;  
O how He loves me;  
O how He loves you and me!**

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

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus” 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: We come to worship today as new creations.**

People: We are not new creations because we have done something new.

**Leader: We are not new because we dyed our hair or put on new clothes.**

People: We are new creations because of the love and grace of Christ.

**Leader: Christ dwells within us and Christ dwells within our neighbor.**

People: Therefore, may we as people of God see this new thing that God is constantly doing within us.

**\*OPENING HYMN**

“The Church’s One Foundation”

#545

**1. The church’s one foundation  
is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the Word.  
From heaven he  
came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood  
he bought her,  
and for her life he died.**

**2. Elect from every nation,  
yet one o’er all the earth;  
her charter of salvation,  
one Lord, one faith,  
one birth;  
one holy name  
she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope  
she presses,  
with every grace endued.**

**3. Though with a  
scornful wonder  
we see her  
sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their  
watch are keeping;  
their cry goes up, “How long?”  
And soon the  
night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.**

**4. Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits  
the consummation  
of peace forevermore;  
till, with the  
vision glorious,  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great  
church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.**

**\*INVOCATION**

**Gracious loving Lord, by the fire of the Holy Spirit help us to recognize that we don't need to be anything else but who You have made us. Sometimes we rebel and we choose to be who we are because of who someone else is. Sometimes we say we are this because we are afraid to be that. Help us to see that by claiming who You are for us in Christ, we are free to claim ourselves for who we are and we are free to accept and love others for who they are. Help us to reconcile with one another and allow them to be them and us to be us. For it is in this reconciliation that we truly become new creations in Your image; new creations that You, O God, have empowered to speak the gospel of love. Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**"The Upper Room"**

**Michelle Fassler**

**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**

**Special Offering**

**"UMCOR Sunday"**

**see bulletin insert**

**\*Doxology**

**"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

**#95**

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

**From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup> So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup> So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us, we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, that in him we might become the righteousness of God.**

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

**Thanks be to God!**

**MESSAGE**

***"Let It Go"***

**Pastor Josh Freshour**

**HYMN OF PRAYER**

**"Just as I Am, Without One Plea"**

**#357**

**1. Just as I am,  
without one plea,  
but that thy blood  
was shed for me,  
and that thou bidst me  
come to thee,  
*Refrain*  
O Lamb of God, I come,  
I come.**

**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

"Hymn of Promise"

#707

**1. In the bulb  
there is a flower;  
in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons,  
a hidden promise:  
butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold  
and snow of winter  
there's a spring  
that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.  
2. There's a song  
in every silence,  
seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn  
in every darkness,  
bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past  
will come the future;  
what it holds,  
a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.  
3. In the end  
is our beginning;  
in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt  
there is believing;  
in our life, eternity.  
In our death,  
a resurrection;  
at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.**

\*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

"On the Cross of Calvary" arr. by Eleanor Whitsett

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Liturgist: Pastor Joe Miller

Greeters/Acolytes: Mike & Linda Mills

*Next Sunday Scripture: Philippians 3:4b-14 & Sermon Title: "Press On"*

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

**Altar Flowers** are placed in honor of Ann & Terry Huff's wedding anniversary.

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

The **United Women In Faith Executive Board** will meet **tomorrow** at 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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

**Lenten Study – Wednesdays** at 5:30 p.m. and **Fridays** at 10:30 a.m.

The **Martha Horne Circle** will meet on **Thursday, April 3**, at 6:30 p.m. at the church. April Taylor and Anita Baker will serve as hostesses. April will be in charge of the program.

The **Sacrament of Holy Communion** will be served at both services on **Sunday, April 6**.

The **Prayer Team** will meet on **Sunday, August 6**, after the second service.

The **Board of Trustees** will meet on **Monday, April 7**, at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The **Education Team** will meet on **Tuesday, April 8**, at 6 p.m. in the Upper Room.

The **Finance Team** will meet on **Thursday, April 10**, at 7 p.m. in the Upper Room.

**Spring Fling and Easter Egg Hunt** will be **Saturday, April 12**, from 10:30 a.m. until noon for ages 2 to 12. Pizza will be served to the children at noon. We need candy donations to fill "Goody Bags" for the children to take home. A basket for donations is in the foyer.

**Palm Sunday Fest – Sunday, April 13!** The traditional meal will be noodles with chicken or beef, real mashed potatoes, green beans/butter beans, bread and butter, dessert, and beverages. The meal will be after the second service, and the cost will be \$8.00/adults, \$20.00/family, and \$4.00/kids 10 and under. This meal is sponsored by the Guiding Light Circle. Mark your calendar now for this event and joyfully plan to share in the loving kinship and fellowship with your church family.

**Wesley Scholarship** - You must pick up the application at the church and complete and submit it to the church by **April 15**. You can also call Erika and she can mail an application to you! There is scholarship money waiting for somebody.

We are gearing up for the **Good Friday Prayer Vigil**. It will be held on **Friday, April 18**, from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. On this day, we ask that you come to the church so we can pray corporately. If you are unable to come to the church, you may pray at home. This year, there is no sign up necessary. You may just come and go as you please.

**April 18** - Crosswood UMC will host the **Good Friday** worship service at 7 p.m.

**Easter Sunday April 20** - Easter Sunrise Service at 7:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. - Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Traditional Easter Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

**Marion Correctional Institution Easter Play 2025** - April 22, from 1-3 p.m. or April 23, from 6-8 p.m. If you are interested in attending, please call the church office.

**Thank you Neil Miller, for the blessings to PSUMC through the music of the orchestra that you helped to provide for many, many years!** 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. Let's "**shower**" Neil with cards, notes, well-wishes and thanks during the **month of April**. Thank you for your participation, The Staff, Parish, Pastor Relations Team

**Special Music during Lent** – If you would like to provide special music during the offertory in Lent, please sign up in the choir room. The sign-up sheet is in front of the choir boxes.

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.

The **Flower Calendar** for 2025 is hanging up in the hallway. The price for fresh flowers is \$46.95. Silk flowers are \$5.00. Select your date to remember a loved one or to honor a family member or friend. Make checks payable to Prospect Street United Methodist Church.

**Attendance March 23:** Sunday School – 25      Worship Services – 22/86

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