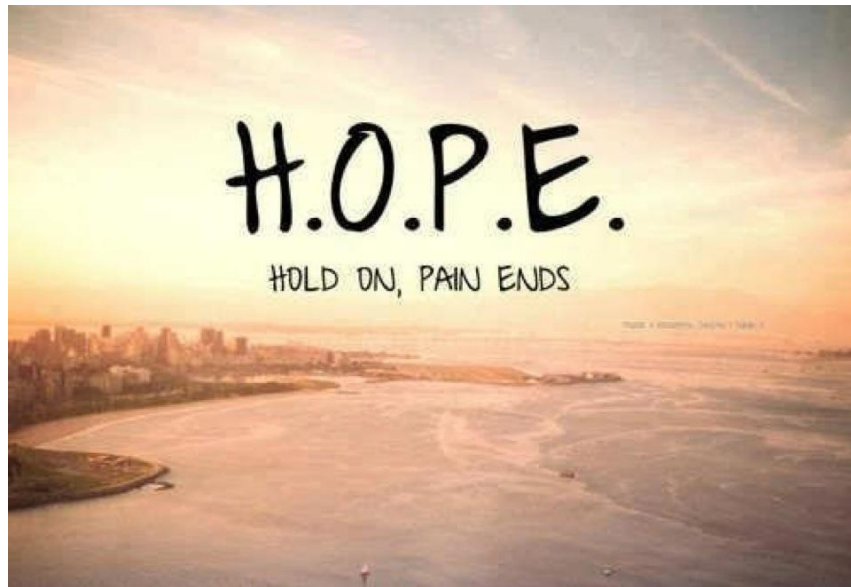


Prospect Street United Methodist Church
185 S. Prospect Street, Marion, OH 43302
740-382-6069
Pastor, Joshua Freshour

Sunday, October 13th, 2024
10:30 a.m.



Mission Statement:

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

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua Freshour, Pastor

*Please stand if you are able

Please silence electronic devices

WELCOME

Michelle Fassler

PASS THE PEACE

Leader:

The Lord Be With You

People:

And Also with You

CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

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OPENING PRAISE SONG

**“We Will Glorify”
We will glorify
the King of kings.
We will glorify
the Lamb.
We will glorify
the Lord of lords.
Who is the great I am.
Hallelujah
to the King of kings.
Hallelujah
to the Lamb.
Hallelujah
to the Lord of Lords.
Who is the great I am.
Hosanna
to the King of kings.
Hosanna
to the Lamb.
Hosanna
to the Lord of Lords.
Who is the great I am.**

PRELUDE

Jim Anderson & Gary Flach

“O Worship the King” arr. by Gilbert Martin

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Use this time to prepare your heart for worship

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sometimes in order for us to keep hope alive...

People: We look for signs.

Leader: And so the signs for us become hope itself.

People: But what if the signs never come?

Leader: How do we keep hope alive when hope isn't so easily seen?

People: May we pray to God to give us the strength to have hope even when it seems there is none!

*OPENING HYMN

“O Worship the King”

#73

**1. O worship the King,
all glorious above,
O gratefully sing
God's power and God's love;
our Shield and Defender,
the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor,
and girded with praise.**

**2. O tell of God's might,
O sing of God's grace,
whose robe is the light,
whose canopy space,
whose chariots of wrath the deep
thunderclouds form,
and dark is God's path
on the wings of the storm.**

**3. The earth with its store
of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power
hath founded of old;
hath stablished it fast
by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast,
like a mantle, the sea.**

**4. Thy bountiful care,
what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air,
it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills,
it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the
dew and the rain.**

**5. Frail children of dust,
and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust,
nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies, how tender,
how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender,
Redeemer, and Friend.**

*INVOCATION

Come Holy Spirit to this holy place. We come here today O God to be filled, to be renewed, to be given new strength. We come to worship because we have decided to turn to You and place our faith and trust in You instead of the options the world offers. Help us to push through and carry on and to never allow for the words “give up” to enter into our vocabulary. When we rest, may it be focused and intentional, and may we see You in all we do. Give us the strength then, to know You are there even when we cannot sense it and to then seek You all the more. For we know the more You take over who we are, the stronger we are in the Spirit, the less power this world has over us. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus”

Rick Highfill

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

“Jesus Loves Me” vs. 1

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

OFFERING

Offertory

"My Faith Has Found a Resting Place" arr. by John Innes

*Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

#95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

SCRIPTURE READING

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

¹ Then Job answered: ² “Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning. ³ Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling! ⁴ I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me. ⁶ Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me. ⁷ There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted forever by my judge. ⁸ “If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him; ⁹ on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him. ¹⁶ God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me; ¹⁷ if only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!

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

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

“Never Give Up”

Pastor Josh Freshour

HYMN OF PRAYER

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

#474

**1. Precious Lord,
take my hand,
lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak,
I am worn;
through the storm,
through the night,
lead me on
to the light:
Take my hand,
precious Lord,
lead me home.
2. When my way
grows drear,
precious Lord, linger near,
when my life
is almost gone, hear my cry,**

hear my call,
hold my hand
lest I fall:

Take my hand,
precious Lord,
lead me home.

3. When the
darkness appears
and the night draws near,
and the day is
past and gone,
at the river I stand,
guide my feet,
hold my hand:
Take my hand,
precious Lord,
lead me home.

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

"I Love to Tell the Story"
1. I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else can do.
I love to tell the story,
'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.
2. I love to tell the story;
more wonderful it seems
than all the golden fancies
of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story,
it did so much for me;
and that is just the reason
I tell it now to thee.
I love to tell the story,
'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

#156

3. I love to tell the story;
'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems,
each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard
the message of salvation
from God's own holy Word.
I love to tell the story,
'twill be my
theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.
4. I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it like the rest.
And when, in
scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story
that I have loved so long.
I love to tell the story,
'twill be my
theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

*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

"There Shall Be Shower of Blessing" arr. by Lani Smith

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Liturgist: Kathy Griffith  
Greeters/Acolytes: The Deeter Family

Next Sunday Scripture: Job 38:1-7, 34-41 & Sermon Title: "**Speechless**"

*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 celebration of Mike's birthday, October 4, and our 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, October 15, by Mike & Linda Mills. 1. Corinthians 13:1-13

The **Ladies' Lunch Group** will meet **today** after the second service.

**Operation Christmas Child - Kick-Off: Today!** There is a table in the main hallway and in the foyer for filled boxes. Pre-printed boxes are available there for you to fill. For those who want to furnish items you will also find a box for the items on the table.

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

The **Hilda Weiss Circle** will meet **tomorrow** at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The **Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations Team** will meet **tomorrow** at 6 p.m. in the Upper Room.

**Children's Ministries** meeting on **Tuesday, October 15**, at 6 p.m. in the Upper Room. Education Team meetings will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday evening each month.

The monthly **Neighborhood Supper** will be served on **Friday, October 18**, from 5 – 6 p.m. as a Carry-Out Meal.

**Newsletter Deadline – Friday, October 18**, for our November Tower Notes!

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** will be held on **Saturday, October 19**, at 8 a.m. There will be good food, devotions and fellowship! Please join this amazing group of men!

The **Marion Music Club** will perform in our sanctuary on **Sunday, October 20**, at 3 p.m.

**October is Pastor Appreciation Month** – As is tradition, the UWIF with the support from the Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations Team will cook a **Meal after Church**. So, the menu on **Sunday, October 20**, will be meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, bread/ rolls and butter, and a cherry whip desert. This meal is a Pastor AND Staff meal. So our church staff may join him for this celebratory meal, at no charge. Please plan to attend this meal as we honor all our staff. The meal will be after the second service, and the cost will be \$8.00 for adults, \$20.00 for a family, and \$2.00 for kids 10 and under.

The **S.K.I. Group** will meet on **Tuesday, October 22**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Upper Room.

**Book Study** – every Wednesday beginning **October 23** at 5:30 p.m. and every Friday beginning **October 25** at 10:30 a.m. in the Upper Room.

The **Leadership Team** will meet on **Thursday, October 24**, at 5 p.m. in the Upper Room.

**Start cleaning out your closets!** We are collecting gently worn, used, and new shoes for Aspire Ministries through **October 31**. A collection box will be in the foyer.

**Trunk-or-Treat - Thursday, October 31**, from 5:30 - 7 p.m. Decorate your trunk! Give out treats to our kids & neighborhood kids! Come for fun! We could use extra individually wrapped candy. They can be placed in the Halloween Box in the foyer beginning **Sunday, October 13**. Thank you!

**Prayer Vigil - November 2** from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The vigil is going to be done differently. You will be greeted at the door and may go to the sanctuary to pray for as long as you would like. Someone will be walking in the hallway, should you want someone to pray with you. There will be a prayer from the National Day of Prayer for you to use, and we have some prayer guides available.

The annual **Local Missions Bazaar** will be **Saturday, November 9**, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. Potential Vendors may contact the church office for vendor registration forms or Linda Kear directly 740-361-9049. Please plan to attend, browse the vendors, and eat breakfast or lunch. All Guiding Light proceeds earned at the bazaar – cheese balls, kitchen sales, and vendor registrations, will be given to Community Breakfast, Neighborhood Supper and Operation Christmas Child.

**Hurricane Disaster Relief** is at the forefront of our hearts and minds. If you'd like to contribute, 100% of your donation will go directly to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), ensuring that every dollar supports those in need. Mark your donations "UMCOR" Advance #901670.

**New Beginning Sunday School Class** - If you're not currently in a Sunday School class and have been wanting to learn more about the Bible, I invite you to give us a try. We study directly from the NIV Bible and review the prior lesson each week so if you decide join us you won't feel lost. The Class is located in the basement right off the elevator.

**Young Adult Sunday School Class** will be meeting in the Upper Room. Hollie Freshour is the facilitator. There will be a pot of coffee waiting!

The **Teen Sunday School Class** Rev. Brooke Hilliard is excited for this opportunity to work with the youth. They meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor in the youth room.

In order to comply with our **Safe Sanctuary Policy** everyone working with our children needs to have a background check. If you have not had a background check and you are working with children here at the church, please call the office.

**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 October 6:** Sunday School - 26      Worship Services – 27/73

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