

Prospect Street United Methodist Church
185 S. Prospect Street, Marion, OH 43302
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Pastor, Joshua Freshour

Sunday, October 27th, 2024
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.”

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua Freshour, Pastor

*Please stand if you are able

Please silence electronic devices

NOISY COLLECTION

Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF)

WELCOME

Rev. Brooke Hilliard

OUTREACH FUND

Pete Stambazze

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.**

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 asking "How big is our God?"

People: Is God bigger than our biggest heartache? Our biggest joy?

Leader: God is bigger than anything we could ever imagine or give power to.

People: But if that is the case, where is this big God we talk about?

Leader: Out of love God says, "It's up to you. Shrink that which you think is so great..."

People: And elevate that which truly is!"

All: Our loving Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

*OPENING HYMN

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

#64

1. Holy, holy, holy!

Lord God Almighty!

**Early in the morning
our song shall rise to thee.**

Holy, holy, holy!

**Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons,
blessed Trinity!**

2. Holy, holy, holy!

**All the saints adore thee,
casting down their
golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim
falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and
evermore shalt be.**

3. Holy, holy, holy!

**Though the darkness
hide thee,
though the eye
of sinful man
thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy;
there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in
love and purity.**

4. Holy, holy, holy!

**Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall
praise thy name,
in earth and sky and sea.**

**Holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty,**

**God in three persons,
blessed Trinity.**

***INVOCATION**

Gracious, loving God, we proclaim to be Christians, and yet, we find ourselves placing trust in the things of this world. We place our trust in being popular. We place our trust in money. We place our trust in the politics of division. We place our faith in storing up treasures; in putting ourselves before others. We point fingers while justifying our own actions as excusable. Gracious God, as difficult as it is, we confess our shortcomings and ask that today you give us the strength to put more of our faith into your love, mercy, and grace. No matter what the world excuses, no matter what the world offers as a way of life and living, may we have the courage to follow You and You alone. Amen.

WITNESS IN MUSIC

"Make Me An Instrument of Thy Peace"

Adult Choir

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

"Amazing Grace" by Mary McDonald

Loose offering to help students at YonSei Medical Center in Korea & PIN

*Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

#95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

SCRIPTURE READING

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

¹ Then Job answered the Lord: ² "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. ³ 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. ⁴ 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.' ⁵ I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; ⁶ therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes" ¹⁰ And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. ¹¹ Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. ¹² The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. ¹³ He also had seven sons and three daughters. ¹⁴ He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. ¹⁵ In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. ¹⁶ After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. ¹⁷ And Job died, old and full of days.

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

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

"Shrink the bad, elevate the good"

Pastor Josh Freshour

HYMN OF PRAYER

"Holy Ground"

**We are standing
on holy ground,
and I know
that there are angels
all around;
let us praise**

**Jesus now;
we are standing
in his presence
on holy ground.**

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**

"Wonderful Words of Life"

#600

**1. Sing them over
again to me,
wonderful words of life;
let me more
of their beauty see,
wonderful words of life;
words of life and beauty
teach me faith and duty.
Beautiful words,
wonderful words,
wonderful words of life.
Beautiful words,
wonderful words,
wonderful words of life.**

**2. Christ, the blessed one,
gives to all
wonderful words of life;
sinner, list to the
loving call,
wonderful words of life;
all so freely given,
wooing us to heaven.
Beautiful words,
wonderful words,
wonderful words of life.
Beautiful words,
wonderful words,
wonderful words of life.**

**3. Sweetly echo
the gospel call,
wonderful words of life;
offer pardon and
peace to all,
wonderful words of life;
Jesus, only Savior,
sanctify forever.
Beautiful words,
wonderful words,**

wonderful words of life.
Beautiful words,
wonderful words,
wonderful words of life.

*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

“Stronger” by Mary McDonald & Larry Shackley

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Liturgist: Terry Huff  
Greeters/Acolytes: The Fassler Family

Next Sunday Scripture: Hebrews 9:11-14 & Sermon Title: “Go Deeper”

*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** will meet **tomorrow** at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The **United Women In Faith 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. If you would like to help, please contact the church office.

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

**Thursday, October 31, is deadline for shoe collection for Aspire Ministry.** Shoes only, other items are not accepted. A collection box is 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. Place candy in the collection box in the foyer and the main hallway on the second floor. Thank you!

Rachel and Derrick will be serving **hot dogs, chips, hot cocoa, and cider** again for **Trunk-or-Treat**. They would appreciate donations of hot dogs, buns, individual small bags of chips, hot cocoa, and cider. Please put hot dogs and cider in the fridge and all other items in the kitchen with a note on them. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please see Rachel or Derrick.

**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.

**Daylight Savings Time** ends **Sunday, November 3**, at 2 a.m.

**Sacrament of Holy Communion** will be served **Sunday, November 3**, at both services.

**Mitten Tree** - It's time to bring in mittens, gloves, socks, and scarves to place on the Mitten Tree outside the main doors to the sanctuary beginning **November 3** till **November 24**. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

The **Prayer Team** will meet on **Sunday, November 3**, after the second service.

The **Board of Trustees** will meet on **Monday, November 4**, at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

**United Methodist Student Day Offering** will be collected on **Sunday, November 10**.

**Church Conference** – **Sunday, November 10**, at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

A special **Wesley Scholarship Offering** will be collected on **Sunday, November 17**.

"**Bring a Friend to Church**" Sunday is going to take place on **November 17**. And if you were wondering what this Sunday is about, it's pretty self-explanatory. We are simply inviting everyone to bring a friend to church. If this is a church you love, and Jesus is someone you love, you would want to share that with someone. This Sunday is an official opportunity to do so.

On **Sunday, November 24**, we will celebrate our annual **Consecration Sunday**. It is on this Sunday that we vision and trust into the future of Prospect Street UMC by giving up and laying down our commitment cards (cards that indicate the commitment we are making financially to the church for the upcoming year.) They will be available on the soundboard and in the pews.

**Operation Christmas Child** – Dedication **Sunday, November 24** - There is a table 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.

**Hanging of the Greens** – Please join us for the Hanging of the Greens on **Sunday, November 24**, from 4 – 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided. Come and go as you please. On Sunday, December 1, please bring an ornament to add to our Family Tree. Sign-up sheet is in the foyer!

**Pastor Josh** will be in the office Monday – Thursday from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. Call the church office if you would like to set up a time to see him or just come on in!

**Serendipity Sunday School Class** – They meet across the kitchen in the basement.

**New Beginning Sunday School Class** – They meet in the basement right off the elevator.

**Young Adult Sunday School Class** is meeting in the Upper Room.

**Teen Sunday School Class** - 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 20:** Sunday School - 30      Worship Services – 28/74

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