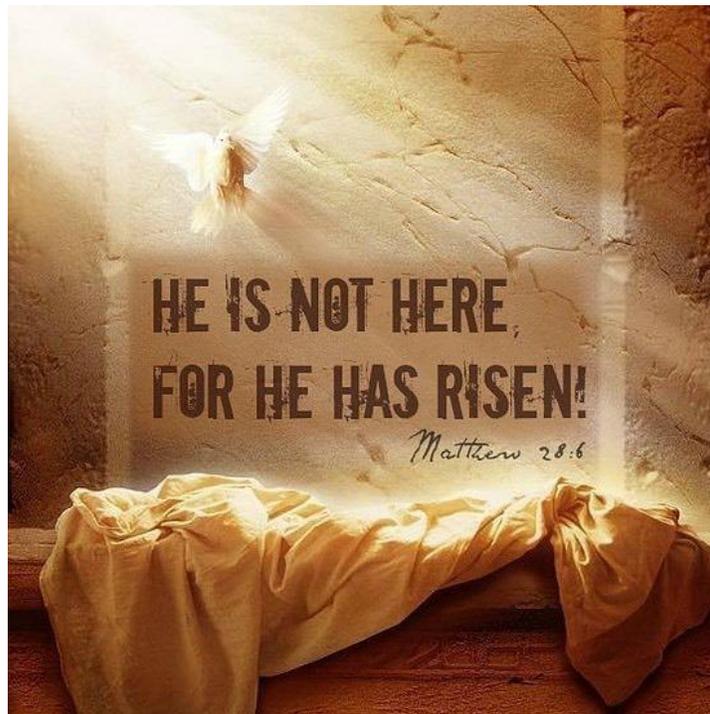


Prospect Street United Methodist Church
185 S. Prospect Street, Marion, OH 43302
740-382-6069
Pastor, Joshua Freshour

Sunday, April 20th, 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.”

Easter Sunday

Joshua Freshour, Pastor

*Please stand if you are able

Please silence electronic devices

WELCOME

Michelle Fassler

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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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

“Lift High the Cross” arr. by Mark Hayes & Marvin Gaspard

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Use this time to prepare your heart for worship

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Where is Christ?

People: Where Christ is, there is life, new life!

Leader: Christ is where there is healing and mercy and comfort and joy.

People: This is new life.

Leader: Christ is where there is reconciliation.

People: This is new life.

Leader: Christ is where all are invited and included and treated with worth.

People: This is new life.

Leader: Christ is where there is creativity and freedom.

People: This is new life.

All: And thanks be to God, this is where we find Christ!

*OPENING HYMN

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” vs. 1-4

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**1. Christ the Lord is
risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in
chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys
and triumphs high,
Alleluia!**

**Sing, ye heavens
and earth reply,
Alleluia!**

**2. Love's redeeming
work is done,
Alleluia!**

**Fought the fight,
the battle won,
Alleluia!**

**Death in vain
forbids him rise,
Alleluia!**

**Christ has opened
paradise,
Alleluia!**

**3. Lives again
our glorious King,
Alleluia!**

**Where, O death,
is now thy sting?
Alleluia!**

**Once he died
our souls to save,
Alleluia!**

**Where's the victory,
boasting grave?
Alleluia!**

**4. Soar we now
where Christ has led,
Alleluia!
Following our**

exalted Head,
Alleluia!
Made like him,
like him we rise,
Alleluia!
Ours the cross,
the grave, the skies,
Alleluia!

***INVOCATION**

Almighty loving risen Lord, open our hearts and eyes to see You in our very midst. To recognize that You are the God of life! Forgive us, O God, when we search for You in the wrong places. When we look for strength along dead end roads. When we do this O God, we doubt in the possibility of the power of resurrection. Help us to look for You God among the living, bringing reconciliation to our relationships and to our communities. Give us the courage to begin rolling away the stones from the tombs of those who have given up on this world, and to show them that life is not meant to be lived inside a dark cold grave but rather in the light of our loving Lord Jesus Christ, who is making all things new. Amen.

EASTER ANTHEM

“The Day of Resurrection”

Senior Choir

Congregation

The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from sin’s dominion free,
our Christ has
brought us over
with hymns of victory.
Now let the heav’ns be joyful!
Let earth her song begin!
The world resound in triumph,
and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen
their notes of gladness blend;
for Christ the Lord has risen,
our joy that has no end.

CHILDREN’S 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

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

“How Great Thou Art”

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Lynette Burris

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SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed down their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be Handed over to sinners, and be crucified and on the third day rise again." ⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb, they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

"He is Among the Living"

Pastor Josh Freshour

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

HOLY COMMUNION

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

**"Up from the Grave He Arose"
1. Low in the grave he lay,
Jesus my Savior,
waiting the coming day,
Jesus my Lord!
Up from the grave he arose,
with a mighty triumph
o'er his foes;
he arose a victor
from the dark domain,
and he lives forever,
with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!
2. Vainly they
watch his bed,
Jesus my Savior;**

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vainly they seal the dead,
Jesus my Lord!
Up from the grave he arose,
with a mighty triumph
o'er his foes;
he arose a victor
from the dark domain,
and he lives forever,
with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!
3. Death cannot
keep its prey,
Jesus my Savior;
he tore the bars away,
Jesus my Lord!
Up from the grave he arose,
with a mighty triumph
o'er his foes;
he arose a victor
from the dark domain,
and he lives forever,
with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

*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

“Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain” arr.by David Paxton

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Liturgist: Charlene Spillman

Greeters/Acolytes: Faye Roszman and Family

*Next Sunday Scripture: Acts 5:27-32 & Sermon Title: “I Won’t Do What You Tell Me”*

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

**Easter Flowers** are available to take home after the services. Thank you to each one who purchased a flower to adorn our sanctuary this morning!

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

**Free Community Breakfast** will be held **Saturday, April 26**, from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. This breakfast is free and open to all (donations will be accepted). If you have questions, please contact Bill Bess at 740-360-3965.

We will collect for the **Salvation Army Food Pantry on Sunday, April 27**. Suggested donations: Dry Beverage Mixes (instant coffee and tea, instant breakfast drinks, etc.) They are also in need of paper products and feminine products. Put your donations in the shopping cart in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you!

**Noisy Collection** will be on **Sunday, April 27**, for the Peanut Butter & Jelly Truck. The **UWIF Executive Board** will meet on **Monday, April 28**, at 2 p.m.

**Laundry Love Ministry** will be **Monday, April 28**, 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.

**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**.

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/hsc>**
- **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 collection **Sunday, May 4**.

The Prayer Team will meet on **Sunday, May 4**, after the second service.

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

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).

**Service DVD's for Shut-Ins!** We have DVD's available of our 10:30 a.m. worship service for anyone who would like to borrow or have a copy. We are delivering DVD Players and the DVD's on Monday mornings!

**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 13:** Sunday School – 43      Worship Services – 36/113

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