

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

Sunday, January 22nd, 2023
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.”**

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

Joshua Freshour, Pastor

*Please stand if you are able

Please silence electronic devices

NOISY COLLECTION

Community Breakfast

WELCOME

Pastor Josh Freshour

CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

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PRELUDE

Jim Anderson & Gary Flach

“Majesty” arr. by John F. Wilson

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 here because we love this church.

People: We love the people.

Leader: We love the words, hymns and liturgy.

People: But we love all of this because it embodies who we believe Christ to be.

Leader: We love this church because we connect with Christ best here.

People: Because ultimately it is Christ and His words we seek to follow.

*OPENING HYMN

“All Creatures of Our God and King” vs. 1-4

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**1. All creatures of
our God and King,
lift up your voice
and with us sing,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
O brother sun
with golden beam,
O sister moon
with silver gleam!
O praise ye!
O praise ye!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!**

**2. O brother wind,
air, clouds, and rain,**

by which all creatures
ye sustain,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn,
in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening,
find a voice!
O praise ye!
O praise ye!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!

3. O sister water,
flowing clear,
make music for
thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O brother fire
who lights the night,
providing warmth,
enhancing sight,
O praise ye!
O praise ye!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!

4. Dear mother earth,
who day by day
unfoldest blessings
on our way,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
The flowers and fruits
that in thee grow,
let them God's
glory also show!
O praise ye!
O praise ye!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!

***INVOCATION**

Gracious Lord, help us become a people who are always seeking after Your truth. We acknowledge the Word became flesh in only Your son Jesus Christ. Truth lived and dwelt among us only in Christ Jesus. Therefore, may we be strengthened in our faith, not because of the messengers in this world but because of the message they speak. May we seek to favor Your words when they are spoken, but not those who speak them. For when we place the person higher than their words is when we hold truth hostage. The truth of Christ is only authentic when we are able to let it stand on its own removing the bias we might have towards the one who speaks it. May the Holy Spirit open us up to discerning where and when the words of Christ fall upon our ears, and may we recognize them as Christ's words and Christ's words only. Amen.

WITNESS IN MUSIC

**"Guide My Feet, Lord"
Guide my feet, Lord,
while I run this race.
Guide my feet, Lord,**

Senior Choir

while I run this race.
Guide my feet, Lord,
while I run this race,
'cause I don't want to run this race in vain.
Hold my hand, Lord,
while I run this race.
Hold my hand, Lord,
while I run this race.
Hold my hand, Lord,
while I run this race.
'Cause I don't want to run this race in vain.
Stand by me, Lord,
while I run this race.
Stand by me, Lord,
while I run this race.
Stand by me, Lord,
while I run this race.
'Cause I don't want to run this race in vain.
'Cause I don't want to run this race in vain, in vain.

OFFERING

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

"In This Very Room" arr. by Fred Bock

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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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

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰ Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹² What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. ¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

"I Follow Christ"

HYMN OF PRAYER

"As the Deer"
**As the deer
pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you.
You alone**

are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength,
my shield;
to you alone
may my spirit yield.
You alone are my
heart's desire,
and I long to worship you.

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

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

#548

1. In Christ there is
no east or west,
in him no south or north;
but one great
fellowship of love
throughout the
whole wide earth.
2. In Christ shall true
hearts everywhere
their high
communion find;
his service is
the golden cord
close binding humankind.
3. In Christ is neither
Jew nor Greek,
and neither slave nor free;
both male and female
heirs are made,
and all are kin to me.
4. In Christ now meet
both east and west,
in him meet
south and north;
all Christly souls
are one in him
throughout the whole
wide earth.

*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

“Sunshine in My Soul” arr. by Lani Smith

Liturgist: Bill Bess

Greeters/Acolytes: Bob & Jan Seamon

Next week's Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12 & **Sermon Title:** "Don't Just See Blessings, Be Blessings!"

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

SUPER BOWL SUB SALE - The Volunteers in Mission Team will be taking orders for subs starting **today through January 29**. These subs will be ready just in time for the Game, February 12. The cost of the subs will be \$5.00 each. This event your VIM Team will be giving all of the proceeds to the stain glass window project.

T.E.A. on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. - Panera Bread is the place to be, to be uplifted and supported by a group of sisters in Christ. It is a time of Teaching, Encouraging, & Achieving. Any women can stop in for "T.E.A."

Book Study every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. and every Friday at 10:30 a.m.

3rd Floor Ministry – will be having their first meeting on **Thursday, January 26**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Upper Room. If you are interested in this ministry, please come to this meeting.

Free Community Breakfast - Saturday, January 28, from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. This community outreach is sponsored by the Men's Prayer Breakfast group and the UWIF's SKI Group. This breakfast is free and open to all (donations will be accepted). If you have questions, please contact Bill Bess at 740-360-3965. Hope to see you there.

We will collect for the **Salvation Army Food Pantry** on **Sunday, January 29**. Suggested donations: **Soups & Crackers**. 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!

The **United Women In Faith Executive Board** will meet on **Monday, January 30**, at 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Laundry Love Ministry - Monday, January 30, 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.

Monday Morning Bible Study will start up again on **Monday, February 6**, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. They will be starting a book by Mary DeMuth called "The Most Misunderstood Women of the Bible". If you would like to participate in this study, please let Sandy Redd or Cindy Schrote know so they can order a book for you.

Valentine Caroling - On **Sunday, February 12**, we will be taking the message of Love to our shut-ins and homebound members. We will meet after the second service in the Fellowship Hall for a light lunch. See Linda Kear or Diane Row if you have questions! Sign-up sheet is located in the foyer.

Stained Glass Window Maintenance Fund – The estimate for the removal, maintenance of the wood frames, and reinstalling of the existing storm windows totals \$70,000. The work has been broken into three sides the East, South, and North side. The East side cost is \$10,000, the South side cost is \$20,000, and the North side cost is \$40,000. If you would like to donate to this project, please mark your envelope "Stained Glass Window Fund". Thank you for your support!

OneCall Update – we have had some members not receiving our OneCall messages in person and on their voicemail. This is what the company told us: Initially the call will start when the contact's voicemail picks up and it will continue until the voicemail tone. Once it hears the tone the call starts over and is left on your voicemail. If your message is short and the call finishes before the voicemail tone then it will hang up as completed and the contact will not receive a voicemail. Most voicemail systems are 10-20 seconds long unless the contact has a personal recorded message which could be longer. I would advise anyone that is not receiving the calls on their voicemail that they have the option to dial into the toll free number **1-877-698-3261** to repeat the last message that was sent to them. The system will recognize their number and ask if they would like to repeat the last message. Please call the church office if you are still not receiving the messages on your voicemail.

For more information on disaffiliation please go to **www.westhioumc.org/disaffiliation**. If you don't have a computer, please feel free to explore this at our church during church office hours.

2022 Contribution Statements are ready! See Pete or Dave. Please look over your statement carefully, if there are any questions, call Erika at the church office.

Peanut Butter and Jelly Food Drive - If you would like to continue supporting this mission, please drop off your donations in the Church kitchen. Thank you!

The **Flower Calendar for 2023** is hanging up in the hallway. The price for fresh flowers is \$46.95. Silk flowers are still \$5.00. Select your date to remember a loved one or to honor a family member or friend. If you order your own flowers, please let Erika know.

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 1st and/or the 15th of each month. Contact the church office for more information!

Watch our services on YouTube! Just go to our website and click the YouTube link. Our website address is: www.prospectstreetumc.com.

Service DVD's for Shut-Ins! We have DVD's available of all our Sunday Services for anyone who would like to borrow them or have a copy. We are delivering DVD Players and the DVD's on Monday mornings! Call Erika in the office for information.

Upper Rooms Devotional Booklets for January/February 2023 are on the table inside the main entrance to the sanctuary. Small - \$1.00 Large - \$1.50

Attendance January 15, 2023: Sunday School - 49 Worship Services – 43/101

Finance Report – January 15 & January 17 E-Tithing

Current Envelopes - \$2,836.50 & \$2,808.00, Sunday School - \$39.00,
Loose Offering - \$173.30, Stained Glass Window Fund - \$5.00,
Other Giving - \$3.00, Human Relations Day Offering - \$5.00,
Peanut Butter & Jelly Truck Ministry - \$200.00 in honor of Dale & Matt Cook,
Outreach Fund - \$140.00 & \$375.00

General Fund Income YTD: \$13,441.84
General Fund Expense YTD: \$12,078.79

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