

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

Sunday, September 25th, 2022
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.”**

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua Freshour, Pastor

*Please stand if you are able

Please silence electronic devices

NOISY COLLECTION

Laundry Love Ministry

WELCOME

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PRELUDE

Jim Anderson & Bill O’Neil

“The Holy Presence” arr. by Janet Linker

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Use this time to prepare your heart for worship

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We deny our brother the fatted calf.

People: And in the same breath we cry where is mine?

Leader: We steal from others...

People: And cry when we have been stolen from.

Leader: None of us can be bold enough to teach.

People: Until we have humbly learned the lesson for ourselves.

*OPENING HYMN

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

#514

**1. Stand up,
stand up for Jesus,
ye soldiers of the cross;
lift high his royal banner,
it must not suffer loss.
From victory unto victory
his army shall he lead,
till every foe
is vanquished,
and Christ is Lord indeed.**

**2. Stand up,
stand up for Jesus,
the trumpet call obey;
forth to the mighty conflict,
in this his glorious day.**

**Ye that are brave
now serve him
against unnumbered foes;
let courage rise with danger,
and strength to
strength oppose.**

**3. Stand up,
stand up for Jesus,
stand in his strength alone;
the arm of flesh
will fail you,
ye dare not trust your own.**

**Put on the gospel armor,
each piece put
on with prayer;
where duty calls
or danger,
be never wanting there.**

**4. Stand up,
stand up for Jesus,
the strife will not be long,
this day the noise of battle,
the next the victor's song.**

**To those who
vanquish evil
a crown of life shall be;
they with the
King of Glory
shall reign eternally.**

***INVOCATION**

Loving God, we come to You today by the power of the Holy Spirit. Help us this day to live into the humility that You have called us into. The pride that we often are so tempted to give into will not lead to freedom, but ultimately to destruction. While it may be hard to see past ourselves. While it may be embarrassing to admit when we are wrong. While it might be difficult to accept that we need help. In the end, lowering ourselves and submitting to Your way, the right way and not our way, will free us like nothing else in this world can. Because when we truly humble ourselves, is the moment that we finally let go and say not my way but Yours O God, not my will but Yours. Amen.

WITNESS IN MUSIC

**"He Keeps Me Singing"
There's within
my heart a melody,
Jesus whispers sweet and low,
"Fear not, I am with thee,
peace, be still,"
in all of life's ebb and flow.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
sweetest name I know,
fills my every longing,
keeps me singing as I go.
I will sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me,
sing it with the saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.**

Senior Choir

In my heart there rings a melody
there rings a melody with heaven's harmony.
In my heart there rings a melody,
there rings a melody of love.
Feasting on the riches
of his grace,
resting 'neath his shelt'ring wing.
Always looking
on his smiling face,
that is why I shout and sing.
Soon He's coming back
to welcome me
far beyond the starry sky.
I shall wing my flight
to worlds unknown;
I shall reign with him on high.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
sweetest name I know,
fills my every longing,
keeps me singing as I go.

OFFERING

Offertory "Jesus Is All the World to Me" arr. by James & Stan Pethel
Loose offering to help students at YonSei Medical Center in Korea & PIN
*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

#95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"Jesus Loves Me" vs. 1
Children under age four may go to the Nursery

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 16:19-31

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house – for I have five brothers – that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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

Thanks be to God!

“We Utter Our Cry”

**1. We utter our cry:
that peace may prevail,
that earth will survive,
and faith must not fail.**

**We pray with our life
for the world in our care,
for people diminished
by doubt and despair.**

**2. We cry from the fright
of our daily scene
for strength to say “No”
to all that is mean:
designs bearing chaos,
extinction of life,
all energy wasted
on weapons of death.**

**3. We lift up our hearts
for children unborn;
give wisdom, O God,
that we may hand on,
replenished and tended,
this good planet Earth,
preserving the future
and wonder of birth.**

**4. Creator of life,
come, share out, we pray,
your Spirit on earth,
revealing the Way
to leaders conferring
round tables for peace,
that they may from bias
and guile be released.**

**5. Come with us, Lord; love,
in protest and march,
and help us to fire
with passion your church,
to match all our statements
and lofty resolve
with being, unresting,
in action involved.**

**6. Whatever the ill
or pressure we face,
Lord, hearten and heal,
give insight and grace
to think and make peace
with each heartbeat
and breath,
choose Christ before Caesar
and life before death!**

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

"Forth in Thy Name, O Lord"

#438

- 1. Forth in thy name,
O Lord, I go,
my daily labor
to pursue;
thee, only thee,
resolved to know
in all I think
or speak or do.**
- 2. The task thy wisdom
hath assigned,
O let me
cheerfully fulfill;
in all my works
thy presence find,
and prove thy good
and perfect will.**
- 3. Thee may I set
at my right hand,
whose eyes mine
inmost substance see,
and labor on
at thy command,
and offer all my
works to thee.
and labor on
at thy command,
and offer all my
works to thee.
and run my course
with even joy,
and closely walk
with thee to heaven.**

*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

“Wonderful Grace of Jesus” arr. by Mary McDonald

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Liturgist: John P. Holsinger

Greeters/Acolytes: Mike & Valerie Flinchbaugh

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

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

The **UWIF Executive Board** will meet tomorrow at 2 p.m. in the Shalom Sunday School class area.

**Laundry Love Ministry** will be held again tomorrow at 4:30 p.m. at the Southtown Cleaning Village, 355 S. Main Street in Marion. If you would like to help, please see Nancy Kimbel.

**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.

**It's crunch time for the Basement Sale September 30 & October 1, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.!** Please check your calendars and choose a time you can help price, sort, set up, sell, or clean up. Call John Row at 740-360-4715 to set a work time. The kitchen will be open on Friday. Judy's homemade coffee cake will be available for breakfast from 9 – 10 a.m. Lunch will be available from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. We will have cornbread, noodles with chicken, green beans & potatoes & ham, chili, beans & weenies. All proceeds go to the Stained Glass Window Fund.

We will begin a **New Member Class** on Saturday, October 1. If you have an interest in joining the church, please see Pastor Josh or simply indicate so on the attendance pad.

The **Sacrament of Holy Communion** will be served at both services next Sunday.

A special **World Communion Sunday Offering** will be collected next Sunday, October 2.

**Ham Loaf Sale** – Please place your order through next Sunday, October 2. Order forms are posted at different locations around the church. You can sign up there, call Judy Stambazze at 740-225-5618, or call the church.

The **Board of Trustees** will meet on Monday, October 3, at 6 p.m.

Our United Women In Faith will be selling **AVON** again for the Holiday Season beginning October 9 through October 30. This is a \$MoneyMaking\$ project for the ladies of your church, so they can continue their church and mission work. Pick up an Avon Catalog at the church. If you have any questions or to place an order, contact Diane Row at 740-360-3220 or call the church office.

**Ladies' Lunch** - Sunday, October 9, after the 10:30 a.m. service!

**V.I.M. TEAM SUB SALE** - The Volunteers in Mission Team will be taking orders for subs starting October 16. The cost of the subs will be \$5.00 each.

**Attendance September 18:** Sunday School - 16      Worship Services – 35/91

**Finance Report – September 18**

Current Envelopes - \$1,570.00, Loose Offering - \$112.54,  
Sunday School - \$45.00, Senior Choir - \$30.00, Outreach Fund - \$45.00,  
Copier Expense - \$20.00

General Fund Income YTD: \$161,236.36  
General Fund Expense YTD: \$165,451.58

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