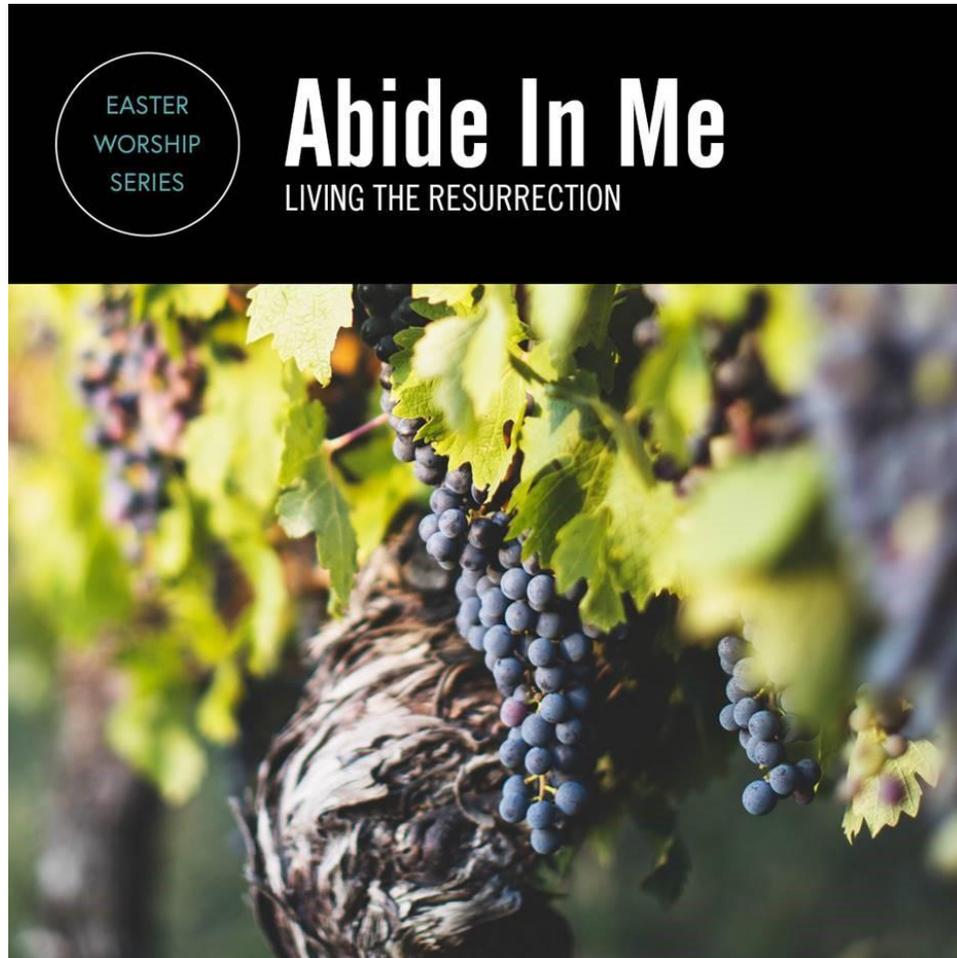


Prospect Street United Methodist Church
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Pastor, Ty Williams

May 2nd, 2021



Grace and peace from your friends at Prospect Street United Methodist Church of Marion, Ohio! Today, we hope you experience the great love of God and feel welcomed by our church family. Please let us know you are here. We look forward to getting to know you and helping you feel at home in this community of God's children.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

(Please set your radio station to FM 87.9)

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Ty

Church Mission Statement

**We are united to love God, to grow in our commitment to Christ,
to serve others, and welcome all people.**

Prelude

Jim Anderson & Gary Flach

"Jesus Is All the World to Me" arr. by James & Stan Pethel

Ringing of the Church Bell

*Call to Worship

1 John 4:7-12

Leader: Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

People: Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

Leader: God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.

People: In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Leader: Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

People: No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

*Hymn of Praise

"O How I Love Jesus"

#170

1. There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;
it sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.
O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!
2. It tells me of a Savior's love, who died to set me free;
it tells me of his precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea.
O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!
3. It tells of one whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe;
who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear below.
O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

*Opening Prayer

**Almighty God, to know you is to know everlasting life.
Enable us to so completely know your Son Jesus Christ
as the Way, the Truth, and the Life;
that we may confidently and boldly follow His steps
in the Way that leads to eternal glory - the way of the Cross and Resurrection;
through Jesus Christ Your Son and our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Gloria Patri

"Glory Be to the Father"

#70

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Jesus said, 'If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.' Let us now approach him with confidence.

Leader: Risen Lord, you came as a sacrifice for our sin. Give us faith to accept this act of love,

People: so that we turn from all human efforts and drink in the atoning righteousness of your death and resurrection.

Leader: Risen Lord, you are the true vine and we are the branches. By your Spirit, produce the fruit of love, joy, peace, and patience in us for others to taste and enjoy.

People: Keep us from hanging on to love for ourselves. Prune all selfishness from us and fill us with your love.

Leader: Risen Lord, have mercy on your earth and supply its needs. Where people are hungry, give food. Where people are in distress, comfort them.

People: Where people are in trouble, bring order and peace. And turn the whole world to you in faith, repentance and praise.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, focus our love on people we know with special needs.

People: Heal those who are unwell particularly and others in need whom we now name silently in our hearts.

*Praise Songs

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

Praise Team

**Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift Your name on high!**

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You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift Your name on high! Lord, I lift Your name on high!
Lord, I lift Your name on high!

"Great is the Lord"
Great is the Lord, He is holy and just;
by His power we trust in His love.
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true;
by His mercy He proves He is love.
Great is the Lord and worthy of glory!
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice,
now lift up your voice: Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!
Great is the Lord, He is holy and just;
by His power we trust in his love.
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true;
by His mercy He proves He is love.
Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory!
Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great are you, Lord; I lift up my voice,
I lift up my voice: Great are you, Lord!
Great are you, Lord!

Offering

Offertory

"You Raise Me Up" arr. by James Michael Stevens

*Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**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.**

*Scripture

John 15:1-8

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

This is the word of God from long ago, for the people of God today.

Thanks be to God!

Special Music

Kelly Culler, vocalist

Sermon

Pastor Ty

Invitation

Confession and Pardon

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned

against you in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your name. Amen.

[All pray in silence.]

Leader to People:

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People to Leader:

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Leader and People:

Glory to God. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving,
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Through Your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in Your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

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.

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Communion Music

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, heavenly Father,

You have graciously accepted us as living members

of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ,

and You have fed us with spiritual food

in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace,

and grant us strength and courage

to love and serve You with gladness and singleness of heart;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

#189

1. Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,

O thou of God and man the Son,
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

2. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

3. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling starry host:

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heaven can boast.
4. Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine.

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"
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.

Postlude "Lead on, O King Eternal" arr. by Fred Bock

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Parking Lot Usher: Dave Starner  
Sanctuary Usher: Richard Wallace

If you need an offering envelope or a children's bulletin, please ask an usher.

The Board of Trustees will meet tomorrow at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Monday Morning Bible Study ~ We will meet tomorrow morning at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be studying 1. Peter. Anyone can join us!

National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Help us to pray for our nation and her leaders by taking a time slot on our 24-Hour Prayer Vigil chart located in the foyer.

May is National Stroke Awareness Month ~ A stroke occurs every 40 seconds and yet up to 80% of strokes can be prevented. This is why Prospect Street United Methodist Church is hosting Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Three key tests check for blocked carotid arteries, an irregular heart rhythm called atrial fibrillation, and high blood pressure, which are the three leading risk factors for stroke. To schedule an appointment, call 1-888-653-6441 or text the word circle to 797979 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle). Pre-registration is required.

Church Basement Sale June 11<sup>th</sup> and June 12<sup>th</sup> ~ The church basement is filling up with lots of good and treasured items. There is still time to gather up things at your homes and bring them in. If you need help with items, just call the church and we can make some arrangements with you. We are asking for items to be clean and in good working conditions. We can take bedding, towels, etc. We will not be taking clothes or shoes. We will need volunteers to help

the week before and the 2-days of the sale. If you have questions or feel led to help, please call the church office and let us know. Let's make this project a fun time! Thanks, John Row

**Vacation Bible School ~ July 18 - July 22, from 6 - 8 p.m.** We will have three different VBS meetings:  
Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. (Upper Room)  
Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. (Upper Room)  
Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. (Upper Room)

We need volunteers, please let Tammy Criswell know 740-751-2653 or call the church office!

**Graduating?** If you or someone you know is graduating from high school or college, please call the church office and let us know.

**From Kalyn Kubbs:** I am finishing my junior year at Anderson University where I am majoring in Dance Pedagogy with minors in Entrepreneurship and Christian Ministries. This summer, I will have the opportunity to work at Grand Lake Lodge in Rocky Mountain National Park, in Grand Lake, Colorado. While I will be working for the Lodge in hospitality, I will also be doing ministry work in the park with a team of volunteers like myself. Our mission will be to plan, prepare, and organize worship services and experiences for the guests of the National Park. An organization called "*A Christian Ministry in the National Parks*" is what makes this whole experience possible. I applied for a position as a worship leader last October, and was very excited to find out in December that I had been accepted and approved for the program. I will be moving out to Colorado in mid-May, and working there for three months! I am so excited to see what God has in store for me this summer. I am looking forward to sharing my faith and experiences with both my teammates and visitors to the park. I'm also excited to see how we can create meaningful worship experiences for Park Vacationers. I would greatly appreciate your prayers throughout this summer and this amazing opportunity. If you would like to show support financially, that would also be appreciated. I have a financial responsibility for my training with the program and potential worship supplies. I have started a gofundme page that can be accessed through this QR code, or by typing in this link [gf.me/u/zqdtra](https://www.gofundme.com/u/zqdtra) into your web browser. Thank you for your prayers and support in this exciting mission opportunity! I look forward to sharing with you about my experiences!



**Attendance April 25:** Drive-In Service - 22    In-Person Service - 57

**Finance Report - April 25**

Current Envelopes - \$2,885.00, PIN Fund - \$23.50,  
Weiss Scholarship Fund - \$23.50, Prison Ministry Fund - \$5.00,  
Easter Offering - \$1.00, Building Maintenance Fund - \$250.00,  
Mission Outreach Fund - \$50.00, Neighborhood Supper - \$15.00,  
General Fund Income YTD: \$77,557.23  
General Fund Expense YTD: \$77,914.60