

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

Sunday, April 14th, 2024
10:30 a.m.



Mission Statement:

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to grow in our commitment to Christ,
to serve others, and welcome all people.”**

3rd Sunday of Easter

Joshua Freshour, Pastor

*Please stand if you are able

Please silence electronic devices

WELCOME

Rev. Brooke Hilliard

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.**

PRELUDE

Jim Anderson & Gary Flach

“When Morning Gilds the Skies” arr. by John Innes & Bill Fasig

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 seeking the God of life.

People: The God of life made a choice on our behalf.

Leader: Christ chose to lose His life so that ours might be saved.

People: The first became last so that the last would become first.

Leader: When the last become the first is when life conquers death.

People: Because life only conquers death

All: when life is made a priority for all.

*OPENING HYMN

"He Lives"

#310

**1. I serve a risen Savior,
he's in the world today;
I know that he is living,
whatever foes may say.
I see his hand of mercy,
I hear his voice of cheer,
and just the time
I need him,
he's always near. He lives, (he lives)
he lives, (he lives)
Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me
and talks with me
along life's narrow way.
He lives, (he lives)
he lives, (he lives)
salvation to impart!
You asked me how
I know he lives?
He lives within my heart.**

**2. In all the
world around me
I see his loving care,
and though my heart
grows weary,
I never will despair.
I know that
he is leading
through all the stormy blast;
the day of
his appearing
will come at last.
He lives, (he lives)
he lives, (he lives)
Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me
and talks with me
along life's narrow way.
He lives, (he lives)
he lives, (he lives)
salvation to impart!
You asked me how
I know he lives?
He lives within my heart.**

**3. Rejoice, rejoice,
O Christian,
lift up your voice and sing**

**eternal hallelujahs
to Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of
all who seek him,
the help of all who find;
none other is
so loving,
so good and kind.
He lives, (he lives)
he lives, (he lives)
Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me
and talks with me
along life's narrow way.
He lives, (he lives)
he lives, (he lives)
salvation to impart!
You asked me how
I know he lives?
He lives within my heart.**

***INVOCATION**

Holy and wonderful God of life and love. We come before You this day and ask that the power of the Holy Spirit grant us renewed vision. Give us the patience, the courage, and the willingness to see presently the workings of our Savior Jesus Christ. So often we only are able to see things better and more clearly after the fact. We either give You praise for working with us when we did not know it at the time, or we ask for Your forgiveness that we did not act in the way we should have if only we'd known better. While reflecting on the past can bring us lessons for the future, may we strive to see You presently and may we strive to listen to Your voice. The voice that guides us to make decisions that lead ultimately to the building up of the kingdom. A kingdom by your hands; a kingdom of love and life. Amen.

WITNESS IN MUSIC

**"House of Grace"
Here is a home
where friends become family.
Here is a church
where peace resides,
a place of charity,
a place with harmony,
a fellowship
where hope and love abide.
This is a house of grace.
We are a temple of living praise.
Throw open the doors,
tell the world Christ is Lord.
Welcome home.
This is a house of grace.
Here is a light
that shines in the darkness.
Here is a peace
that calms the storm.
A place where joy is found,
a place where love abounds,**

Adult Choir

a fellowship
that serves the risen Lord.
This is a house of grace.
We are a temple of living praise.
Throw open the doors,
tell the world Christ is Lord.
Welcome home.
This is a house of grace. This church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ the King.
And we His new creation,
now lift our voice and sing.
We must sing! This is a house of grace.
We are a temple of living praise.
Throw open the doors,
tell the world Christ is Lord.
Welcome home.
This is a house of grace.
Welcome home, welcome home,
welcome home, welcome home,
this is a house of grace,
House of Grace!

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 "O Love, That Wilt Not Let Me Go" arr. by Mary McDonald
*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #95
*Prayer of Thanksgiving

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 3:12-19
¹² When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴ But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵ And you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶ And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. ¹⁷ "And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

"It's a Matter of Life and Death"

HYMN OF PRAYER

"Because He Lives" #364
**1. God sent his Son,
they called him Jesus;
he came to love,
heal, and forgive;**

he lived and died
to buy my pardon,
an empty grave is there
to prove my Savior lives.

Because he lives,
I can face tomorrow;
because he lives,
all fear is gone;
because I know
he holds the future,
and life is worth
the living

just because he lives.

2. How sweet to hold
a newborn baby,
and feel the pride
and joy he gives;
but greater still
the calm assurance,
this child can face
uncertain days
because he lives.

Because he lives,
I can face tomorrow;
because he lives,
all fear is gone;
because I know
he holds the future,
and life is worth
the living

just because he lives.

3. And then one day
I'll cross the river;
I'll fight life's
final war with pain;
and then as death
gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights
of glory

and I'll know he reigns.

Because he lives,
I can face tomorrow;
because he lives,
all fear is gone;
because I know
he holds the future,
and life is worth
the living

just because he lives.

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

#98

“To God Be the Glory”
**1. To God be the glory,
great things he hath done!
So loved he the world
that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life
an atonement for sin,
and opened the lifegate
that all may go in.
Praise the Lord,
praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord,
praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father
through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory,
great things he hath done!**
**2. O perfect redemption,
the purchase of blood,
to every believer
the promise of God;
the vilest offender
who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus
a pardon receives.
Praise the Lord,
praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord,
praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father
thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory,
great things he hath done!**
**3. Great things
he hath taught us,
great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing
thru Jesus the Son;**

but purer and higher,
and greater will be
our wonder,
our transport,
when Jesus we see.
Praise the Lord,
praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord,
praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father
thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory,
great things he hath done!

*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

“To God Be The Glory” arr. by Albin Whitworth

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Liturgist: Lynette Burris  
Greeter/Acolyte: Marilyn Miller

*Next Sunday Scripture: John 10:11-18 & Sermon Title: “Why the Good Shepherd is good”*

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

**Altar Flowers** are placed in living memory of Vicki Reed by Merle Reed.

**Ladies’ Lunch Group** will meet again **today** after the second service.

**Wesley Scholarship Applications** are due **tomorrow!**

**Monday Morning Bible Study** will meet **tomorrow** at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The **Hilda Weiss Circle** will meet **tomorrow** at 1 p.m.

The **Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations Team** will meet **tomorrow** at 6 p.m. in the Upper Room.



The **S.K.I. Group** will meet on **Tuesday, April 16**, at 6:30 p.m.

If anyone wants to help with a new **Church Directory**, please come to our first planning meeting on **Wednesday, April 17**, at 5 p.m.

**Book Study** every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. and every Friday at 10:30 a.m. in the Upper Room.

The **Leadership Team** will meet on **Thursday, April 18**, at 5 p.m. in the Upper Room.

**Neighborhood Supper** will be **Friday, April 19**, from 5 – 6 p.m. as a Carry-Out Meal.

**Newsletter Deadline** will be **Friday, April 19**, for our May 2024 Tower Notes!

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** will be held on **Saturday, April 20**, at 8 a.m. There will be good food, devotions and fellowship! Please join this amazing group of men!

**Marion Music Club** – **Sunday, April 21**, at 5 p.m. in our sanctuary.

**Native American Ministries Sunday** special offering will be collected **Sunday, April 21**.

**Fish Fry Fundraiser** will be held again on **Thursday, April 25**, from 4 – 7 p.m. Proceeds will go toward the Stained Glass Window Fund. Volunteer sign-up sheets are posted in the foyer and you can stop by the table in the foyer for tickets **today**. Ticket prices are \$13/adult and \$7/child if purchased in advance. The price at the door will be \$15/adult and \$7/child. The menu will be: All-You-Can-Eat Fried Fish and Chicken Tenders, Mac & Cheese, green beans, dessert, and drink.

**Noisy Collection** will be on **Sunday, April 28**, for the Peanut Butter & Jelly Truck.

The **Marion Concert Band** presents "Let Us Entertain You!" on **Sunday, April 28**, at 3 p.m. at the River Valley High School Auditorium. No admission charge!

**National Day of Prayer "Lift Up the Word – Light Up the World"** is **Thursday, May 2**. Help us to pray for our nation and leaders by taking a time slot on our 24-Hour Prayer Vigil chart located in the foyer. It is not necessary to be "at" the church building. The sign-up sheet has a reminder tab to take and is your reminder to pray in your time slot. Just be sure to sign your name after you've taken the tab. Prayer Guides are on the table next to the sign-up sheet.

**Life Line Screening** - We are pleased to host Life Line Screening, in our Fellowship Hall on **Friday, May 3**, to conduct valuable screenings. Register by calling toll free 1-844-591-7160, text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607 or online at <https://lisa.social/HC>

If you or someone you know is **graduating from high school or college**, please call the church office.

We are looking for **volunteers** to cover some of Erika's work duties when she is out of the office. Please contact Marci DeWitt at 740-972-9730.

**Stained Glass Window Maintenance Fund** – We still need to complete the North side, which will cost a total of \$30,304 if we don't have any extra expenses. We currently have \$20,954.97. Keep your eyes on our Fundraiser Thermometer throughout the church for the progress on completing the goal.

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

The **New Beginnings Sunday School Class** will begin a three-month study of Exodus today. The Class is located on the bottom floor, right off the elevator and alternates quarterly between studies from the Old and New Testaments. Dave McCartney

**Memorial Pavers** can be ordered for summer installation. If you would like to purchase a paver for the Memorial Park, forms are available on the library table located in the south alcove. Cost of a paver is \$75.00. Order forms can be turned in to the office.

**Kroger Community Rewards** – Please enroll in the Kroger Community Program. Go to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) and all the details on creating an online account are there. Under Community Rewards make sure you search and select “Prospect St. United Meth. Chur” our Organization number is VF478. Thank you! If you have any questions, please call Erika.

**Watch our services on YouTube!** Go to our website [www.prospectstreetumc.com](http://www.prospectstreetumc.com) and click the YouTube link.

**Attendance April 7:** Sunday School - 30          Worship Services – 32/72

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