

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

Sunday, April 21st, 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.”**

4th 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

“On the Cross of Calvary” arr. by Eleanor Whitsett

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 today to worship the Good Shepherd.

People: The Good Shepherd won't abandon the flock.

Leader: The Good Shepherd doesn't play favorites.

People: The Good Shepherd will place himself before his sheep.
Leader: **The Good Shepherd will fight to the death for his sheep.**
People: And he does this not just so that the sheep will live.
All: **But that they will live as one.**

*OPENING HYMN

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

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1. **My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Spirit divine!**

**Now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day
be wholly thine!**

2. **May thy rich grace impart
strength to my
fainting heart,
my zeal inspire!**

**As thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee
pure, warm, and
changeless be,
a living fire!**

3. **While life’s dark maze I tread,
and griefs
around me spread,
be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow’s tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from thee aside.**

4. **When ends life’s transient dream,
when death’s cold,
sullen stream
shall o’er me roll;
blest Savior, then in love,
fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul!**

*INVOCATION

Wonderful, gracious, loving Father, we come to You today giving You thanks that You love us so much that You are willing to do anything and everything for us, Your flock. What You did for us out of love was to offer up Your son, who lived perfectly in love. So often, we say we love and we want more than anything to love but unfortunately we want the outcome of our loving ways to meet the standards we have set in place. Help us to see that while that might be noble, it is not transformative. Transformation only occurs when we give freely no matter the cost and no matter the results. This is love; and this is who You, God, the Good Shepherd, are. Help us to answer the call and live in the same manner. Amen.

WITNESS IN MUSIC

“Lift Him Up”
Lift Him up! Lift Him up!
Lift the name of Jesus higher.

Adult Choir

Lift Him up, raise His banner to the sky.
He said, "If I be lifted up,
I will draw all people to me."
Lift Him up, all you people, lift Him up!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Praise His righteousness forever.
Praise the Lord, lift your voices to the sky.
He said, "If we won't praise His name,
Then the rocks and stones will cry out."
Praise the Lord, all you people,
Praise the Lord!
Show His love! Show His love!
Show His love to everybody.
Show His love, let your candle always shine.
He said that by the love we show,
They will know we're His disciples.
Show His love, all you people,
Praise the Lord, all you people,
Lift Him up, all you people,
Lift Him up!

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	"My Tribute" arr. by John F. Wilson	
Special Offering	"Native American Ministries Sunday"	see bulletin insert
*Doxology	"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"	#95
*Prayer of Thanksgiving		

SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:11-18

11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13 The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. 17 For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

"Why the Good Shepherd is good"

HYMN OF PRAYER

"O Come and Dwell in Me"
**1. O come and dwell in me,
Spirit of power within,
and bring the**

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glorious liberty
from sorrow, fear, and sin.
2. Hasten the joyful day
which shall my sins consume,
when old things shall
be done away,
and all things new become.
3. I want the witness, Lord,
that all I do is right,
according to thy
mind and word,
well-pleasing in thy sight.
4. I ask no higher state;
indulge me but in this,
and soon or later
then translate
to thine eternal bliss.

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

"I Know Whom I Have Believed"

#714

1. I know not why
God's wondrous grace
to me he hath made known,
nor why, unworthy,
Christ in love
redeemed me for his own.
But I know whom
I have believed,
and am persuaded
that he is able
to keep that
which I've committed
unto him against that day.
2. I know not how
this saving faith
to me he did impart,
nor how believing
in his word
wrought peace
within my heart.
But I know whom
I have believed,

and am persuaded
that he is able
to keep that
which I've committed
unto him against that day.

3. I know not how
the Spirit moves,
convincing us of sin,
revealing Jesus
through the word,
creating faith in him.
But I know whom
I have believed,
and am persuaded
that he is able
to keep that
which I've committed
unto him against that day.

4. I know not when
my Lord may come,
at night or noontide fair,
nor if I walk
the vale with him,
or meet him in the air.
But I know whom
I have believed,
and am persuaded
that he is able
to keep that
which I've committed
unto him against that day.

*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

"The Family of God" arr. by Don Hustad

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Liturgist: Faye Roszman  
Greeter/Acolyte: The Holsinger Family

*Next Sunday Scripture: Acts 8:26-40 & Sermon Title: "Seize today for Christ"*

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

**Marion Music Club** – today at 5 p.m. in our sanctuary.

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

**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 by noon on Thursday. 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.

**Free Community Breakfast** will be held on **Saturday, April 27**, from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. This community outreach is sponsored by the Men's Prayer Breakfast group and the S.K.I. Group. This breakfast is free and open to all (donations will be accepted). Come one, come all to help, support or just have breakfast and fellowship. If you have questions, please contact Bill Bess at 740-360-3965. Hope to see you there.

**Noisy Collection** will be on **Sunday, April 28**, for the Peanut Butter & Jelly Truck. We will collect for the **Salvation Army Food Pantry** on **Sunday, April 28**. Suggested donations: **dry beverage mixes**. 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 **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!

The **United Women In Faith Executive Board** will meet **Monday, April 29**, at 2 p.m.

**Laundry Love Ministry** will be **Monday, April 29**, 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 office.

The **Martha Horne Circle** is selling tee shirts. Set up to look at the shirts and order forms are in the atrium or see a circle member through **May 1**.

**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** has begun a three-month study of Exodus. 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.

**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.

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**Attendance April 14:** Sunday School - 22      Worship Services – 31/78

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