

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

Sunday, April 28th, 2024
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.”**

5th Sunday of Easter

Joshua Freshour, Pastor

*Please stand if you are able

Please silence electronic devices

NOISY COLLECTION

Peanut Butter & Jelly Truck

WELCOME

Robert Imbody

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

“Fairest Lord Jesus” arr. by Richard S. Willis

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Use this time to prepare your heart for worship

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God calls us to this place and God will send us from this place.

People: And wherever God sends us.
Leader: That's where we are supposed to be.
People: Because someone is expecting us.
Leader: They may not know it, we may not know it.
People: But God does. And that's all that matters.

*OPENING HYMN

"This Is a Day of New Beginnings" vs. 1-4

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*INVOCATION

God, we give You thanks and praise that You have called us to be your hands and feet. There is so much we can do in Your name. We tend to believe that people have rejected You. But truthfully, it is often times we who haven't done the work of love to show them who You really are. Help us, O God, to have the answers to the questions this world has of You. Part of proclaiming the gospel is building trust, bridging cultural differences, developing relationships and being in dialogue so that we can better understand the world and better communicate Your love for it. May we welcome every opportunity You present to us with open arms and believe that when we lay aside our reservations that great things can happen in Your name. Amen.

WITNESS IN MUSIC

"You Are Precious Lord, To Me"
More than silver, more than diamonds,
You are precious, Lord, to me.
More than riches, more than power,
You are precious, Lord, to me.
More than kingdoms, more than honor,
Lord, You're everything I need.
More than silver, more than diamonds,
You are precious, Lord, to me.
If the riches of earth were mine to hold,
All the silver and all of the gold,
I'd rather have treasure in heaven above.
Nothing compares, nothing compares,
Nothing compares with Your precious love.
More than silver, more than diamonds,
You are precious, Lord, to me.
More than riches, more than power,
You are precious, lord to me.
More than kingdoms, more than honor,
Lord, You're everything I need.
More than silver, more than diamonds,
You are precious, Lord, to me.
You are precious, Lord, to me.

Adult Choir

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

"He Leadeth Me"
"Peace Like A River"

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 "There's Something About That Name" arr. by Don Hustad
Loose offering to help students at YonSei Medical Center in Korea & PIN

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 8:26-40

²⁶ Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷ So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹ He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³² Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. ³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." ³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ As they were going along the road, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

"Seize today for Christ"

HYMN OF PRAYER

"People Need the Lord"

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

"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

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*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

"Let's Just Praise the Lord" arr. by Don Hustad

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Liturgist: Terry Huff

Greeters/Acolytes: Pastor Joe & Joyce Miller

*Next Sunday Scripture: Acts 10:44-48 & Sermon Title: "God Steps in When We Freeze Up"*

*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 **Marion Concert Band** presents "Let Us Entertain You!" this **afternoon** at 3 p.m. at the River Valley High School Auditorium. No admission charge!

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

The **United Women In Faith Executive Board** will meet **tomorrow** at 2 p.m.

**Laundry Love Ministry** will be **tomorrow** 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.

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

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 next to the sign-up sheet.

The **Martha Horne Circle** will meet again on **Thursday, May 2**, at 6:30 p.m.

**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>

The **Sacrament of Holy Communion** will be served at both services on **Sunday, May 5**.

The **Prayer Team** will meet on **Sunday, May 5**, at 2 p.m.

**Ladies' Lunch** will be held on **Sunday, May 5**, after the second service.

The **Board of Trustees** will meet on **Monday, May 6**, at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

The **Finance Team** will meet on **Thursday, May 9**, at 7 p.m. in the Upper Room

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

**The Cardinal Chorale** under the direction of Mr. Charles R. Snyder will be performing at our church this year on **Sunday, June 9**, at 7 p.m. We will again be joining with Emanuel Lutheran to bring these 44 talented young singers to Marion. We are asking for your help again! If you have questions, please contact Julie Kubbs or Paul Burnside.

1. Mark the date on your calendars.
2. Housing for 45 people
3. Monetary donations deadline is Wednesday, June 5, to the Emanuel Church Office.

If you have questions, please contact Julie Kubbs or Paul Burnside.

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 \$20,964.97. 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.

**Upper Rooms** devotional booklets for May/June 2024 are on the library table in the south alcove.  
Small - \$1.00    Large - \$1.50

**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.

**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.

**Attendance April 21:**    Sunday School - 22                      Worship Services – 33/81

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