

Prospect Street United Methodist Church

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Sunday, June 22nd, 2025

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."

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua Freshour, Pastor

*Please stand if you are able

Please silence electronic devices

NOISY COLLECTION

Vacation Bible School

WELCOME

Terry Huff

OPENING PRAISE SONG

“He Is Exalted”
He is exalted,
the King is exalted on high;
I will praise Him.
He is exalted, forever exalted
and I will praise His name!
He is the Lord,
forever His truth shall reign;
Heaven and earth
rejoice in His holy name.
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the King is exalted on high.
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PASS THE PEACE

Leader:

The Lord Be With You

People:

And Also with You

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PRELUDE

Jim Anderson & Gary Flach
“When Love Is Found” arr. by Lyndell Leatherman

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 not just the God of the billboard.

People: But the God of the note on the napkin.

Leader: We come today to hear not just the God of the megaphone.

People: But the God of the whisper.

Leader: We come today believing not just in the God of mass media.

People: But in the God of word of mouth.

Leader: God isn't always in the big where we believe God to be.

People: God is best heard in the small, in the stillness, in the quiet and most importantly...

All: In the center.

*OPENING HYMN

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

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*INVOCATION

O God, we ask You today to come and dwell in our hearts, in our minds, and in our souls. We carry within ourselves a lot of big things. We have made fear a home in our hearts. We have made doubt a home in our minds. And disillusionment has made a place to live in our souls. We have to clean house O God and send these big things packing because they are taking up needed space. You don't need a lot of space, O God, for Your power and Your might can work in the smallest of places. But you do ask for the center. Help us to clear our space within and give you the center of our lives. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Hymn Medley"

Trumpet, Dawn Taylor

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"Jesus Loves Me" vs. 1

Children under age four may go to the Nursery

OFFERING

Offertory

Jim Anderson & Gary Flach

"Be Thou My Vision" arr. by Mark Hayes & Marvin Gaspard

Loose offering to help students at YonSei Medical Center in Korea & PIN

*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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*Prayer of Thanksgiving

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 19:1-4, 8-15a

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ² Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." ³ Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. ⁴ But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." ⁸ He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. ⁹ At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹¹ He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord,

but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here Elijah?" ¹⁴ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away. ¹⁵ Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus.

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

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| MESSAGE | "The Pureness of God" | |
| HYMN OF PRAYER | "Through It All" | #507 |
| 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 "Spirit of God"

*BENEDICTION

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| *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: Barbara Jones | Greeters/Acolytes: Mary Flach |
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Next Sunday Scripture: 2 Kings 2:2-13 &  
Sermon Title: "Give up the Mantle, Pick up the Mantle"

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

If you have a **Prayer Request**, please call Pastor Josh at 614-519-8870.

If you would like to have the **church directory** on your phone or desktop, please let us know by adding your name to the sign-up sheet that is being passed around this morning. Janey Fassler, Deb Welch, and/or Erika will email you the directions.

**Book Study** – every **Tuesday** at 7 p.m. and every **Friday** at 10:30 a.m.

The United Women in Faith **Spring Avon Sale** delivery will be on Wednesday, June 25, here at church.

**Children & Youth Education Meeting** – **Wednesday, June 25**, at 6 p.m. on the 3rd floor.

**Free Community Breakfast** will be held on **Saturday, June 28**, from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. 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. Hope to see you there.

The **United Women In Faith Executive Board** will meet **Monday, June 30**, at 2 p.m.

**Laundry Love Ministry** will be held again on **Monday, June 30**, at 4:30 p.m. at the Southtown Cleaning Village, 355 S. Main Street in Marion. They are in need of Laundry Detergent. Please bring your donations to the church. Thank you!

**Liturgist, Greeters & Acolytes, and Bell Ringer** sign-up sheets for July – September are being passed through the pews this morning.

If you would like to help **decorate for Vacation Bible School**, we will be meeting **Wednesday, July 9**, from 5 – 8 p.m. This will be organized similarly to Christmas, all decorations will be provided and in the assigned rooms. I appreciate any help. Please see Sarah Lambert if you have any questions.

**VBS CARNIVAL** - Kick-Off Carnival will be held on **Saturday, July 12**, from 10 a.m. to noon in the church parking lot. We plan to have a wide variety of games, face-painting, a Bouncy House, and Snocones. There will be prizes! FREE admission!

**Vacation Bible School** - Our theme for this year is CAMP FIRELIGHT, A Summer Camp Adventure With GOD. VBS will be held here at PSUMC from **July 13 through July 17**. We are planning on serving a light supper for the children beginning at 5:30 each evening. Our program starts at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**Supplies Needed for VBS:** large aluminum foil baking trays, heavy weight foil, 2 liter clear plastic bottles, bubble wrap (both large and small), rough sandpaper, old hand towels, clear plastic cups, limestone rocks, a skateboard (to borrow) flat pieces of styrofoam (like used in packing). Put your donations in the foyer.

**Upper Rooms** devotional booklets for July/August 2025 are on the library table in the south alcove.  
Small - \$1.25    Large - \$3.50

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

**Service DVD's for Shut-Ins!** We have DVD's available of our 10:30 a.m. worship service for anyone who would like to borrow or have a copy. We are delivering DVD's on Monday mornings!

**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. The pavers can be in memory of loved ones who have passed away, or in honor of anyone or anything that you would wish to praise. Cost of a paver is \$75.00. Order forms can be turned in to the office.

**E-Tithing** is an automatic withdrawal from your checking account and is remitted automatically to the church. We can set it up so it will deduct from your checking account on the 1<sup>st</sup> and/or the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Contact the church office for more information!

**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!

**Attendance June 15:** Sunday School - 25                      Worship Services – 26/88

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