

Prospect Street United Methodist Church

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Sunday, March 22nd, 2026

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 in Lent

Joshua Freshour, Pastor

*Please stand if you are able

Please silence electronic devices

NOISY COLLECTION

Salvation Army Food Pantry

WELCOME

Terry Huff

OPENING PRAISE SONG

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

PASS THE PEACE

Leader:

The Lord Be With You

People:

And Also with You

CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

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PRELUDE

"Jesus Paid It On the Cross" arr. by Patti Drennan

Gary Flach

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 because we worship the God of life.

People: We worship the God of love and grace.

Leader: This is who God is in Christ!

People: And love and grace are what God uses to bring about new life.

Leader: Though the wilderness may be deadly.

People: We will fear no evil. We will be reckless with our love.

OPENING HYMN

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

#126

*INVOCATION

Holy and wonderful God, we call upon the outpouring of the Holy Spirit today upon our lives. We recognize O God, that You have commissioned us, Your people, to live out our faith. To not just say that we believe but to have the courage to live out what it means to be a follower of Your Son Jesus Christ. To know that when we say we will follow Christ, it's not just halfway and it's not just when we need Him. We are called to follow Him when others need him and where others need him.

We are called to follow Him in places we are not wanted. We are called to follow him into dangerous places. We have a message of hope and new life, and no boundary or border can hold that message back. If we believe the love of God can go anywhere it wants and if we possess this love, what shall we ever be afraid of? Amen.

WITNESS IN MUSIC

"Praise the Lord of Love"

Senior Choir

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

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" arr. by Victor Labenske

*Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

#95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

SCRIPTURE READING

John 11:1-44

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴ But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶ after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸ The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹ Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰ But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." ¹¹ After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹² The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³ Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶ Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." ¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." ²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" ³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days."

⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

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

MESSAGE	“Nothing Stands in the Way”	
HYMN OF PRAYER	“Alleluia”	#186

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	“For the Beauty of the Earth”	#92
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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.
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POSTLUDE	“To God Be the Glory” arr. by Lloyd Larson
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Liturgist: Barbara Jones  
Greeters/Acolytes: Dee O’Neil

*Next Sunday Scripture: Luke 19:28-40 & Sermon Title: “Not Just a Spectacle”*

*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.

The **YA Squad** will meet **today** at 1 p.m.

**Youth Fellowship** will meet **today** from 2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.

**Marion Music Club** will be performing in our sanctuary **today** at 3 p.m.

The **Monday Morning Meeting Bible Study** will meet **tomorrow** at 9:30 a.m.

**Bible Study** will meet every **Wednesday** at 6 p.m. & every **Friday** at 11 a.m.

**Book Study** every **Friday** at 10 a.m.

**Free Community Breakfast** will be held on **Saturday, March 28**, from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. Come one, come all to help, support or just have breakfast and fellowship.

Our annual **SPRING FLING** for children ages 2 to 12 will be held on **Saturday, March 28**, at 10:30 a.m. Please donate individually wrapped candies or other goodies for treat bags for the kids. There will be an egg hunt, story time, games and a craft. There will be baskets in the foyer and outside the choir room for donated goodies. Donations need to be brought by Sunday, March 22. Thank you for your support!

The UWIF sponsored **Seed Tree** is set up by the main entrance doors to the Sanctuary and in the main hallway through **March 29**. All circles encourage the church family to bring vegetable seeds for this ministry.

**Palm Sunday Feast – Sunday, March 29!** The traditional meal will be noodles with chicken or beef, real mashed potatoes, green beans/butter beans, bread and butter, dessert, and beverages. The meal will be after the second service, and the cost will be \$8.00/adults, \$20.00/family, and \$4.00/kids 10 and under. This meal is sponsored by the Guiding Light Circle. Mark your calendar now for this event and joyfully plan to share in the loving kinship and fellowship with your church family.

The **United Women In Faith Executive Board** will meet **Monday, March 30**, at 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Laundry Love Ministry** will be **Monday, March 30**, at 4:30 p.m. at the Southtown Cleaning Village, 355 S. Main Street in Marion.

**April 2** - at 7 p.m., we will be having **Maundy Thursday** worship at Crosswood United Methodist Church.

The **Good Friday Prayer Vigil** has been cancelled for this year.

**April 3 - Good Friday** worship service at 7 p.m. here at PSUMC.

### **April 5 - Easter Sunday**

Easter Sunrise Service at 7:30 a.m.

Easter Breakfast at 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall - A freewill donation will be accepted.

On the menu will be scrambled eggs, rolls, sausage links, coffee, and orange juice.

Sunday School hour at 9:30 a.m.

Traditional Easter Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

**Wesley Scholarship** - Now is the time to pick up the application for the Wesley Scholarship. This one-year scholarship is open to any member of Prospect Street UMC who is continuing their education beyond high school. Pick up the application at the church (table by the main doors to sanctuary) and complete and submit it to the church by **April 15**.

**Offering Envelopes for 2026** – If you need envelopes or want to sign up for E-Tithing, please call Erika.

The **Flower Calendar** for 2026 is hanging up in the hallway. The price for fresh flowers is \$46.95. Silk flowers are \$5.00. Select your date to remember a loved one or to honor a family member or friend. Make checks payable to Prospect Street United Methodist Church. Let the office know if you order your own flowers.

**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.

**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! If you have any questions, please call Erika.

**Attendance March 15:** Sunday School – 29

Worship Services – 15/95

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