

# Prospect Street United Methodist Church

185 S. Prospect Street, Marion, OH 43302

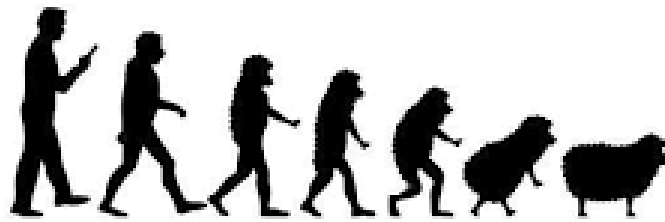
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**Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**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.”

# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

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Joshua Freshour, Pastor

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\*Please stand if you are able

Please silence electronic devices

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

CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

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PRELUDE

Jim Anderson & Gary Flach

“My Tribute” arr. by Ron & Linda Sprunger

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 want to be a sheep.  
**People:** People think that sheep are dumb.  
**Leader:** People think that sheep will blindly follow anybody.  
**People:** But sheep only follow the shepherd.  
**Leader:** The good shepherd who seeks not to make us captive...  
**People:** But to set us free.

### \*OPENING HYMN

"O How I Love Jesus"

#170

1. There is a name I love to hear,  
I love to sing its worth;  
it sounds like music in my ear,  
the sweetest name on earth.  
O how I love Jesus,  
O how I love Jesus,  
O how I love Jesus,  
because he first loved me!
2. It tells me of a Savior's love,  
who died to set me free;  
it tells me of his precious blood,  
the sinner's perfect plea.  
O how I love Jesus,  
O how I love Jesus,  
O how I love Jesus,  
because he first loved me!
3. It tells of one whose loving heart  
can feel my deepest woe;  
who in each sorrow bears a part  
that none can bear below.  
O how I love Jesus,  
O how I love Jesus,  
O how I love Jesus,  
because he first loved me!

### \*INVOCATION

Holy Shepherd of our lives, give us this day a sense of patience and peace. We admit that we are always waiting for what's behind door number 2. We tend to ask You God for other options. Help us O God to accept the hard truth. Help us to accept that You have already told us who we are supposed to be and what we are supposed to do. We are to be loving, and we are to love. There is no other secret knowledge; there is not a door number 2. Help us to be the sheep that simply listen to the loving words of the Shepherd. For because we know of the self-sacrificing nature of the shepherd, we then know that there is no other holy way for God's children to be redeemed and set free other than by grace and love. Amen.

### WITNESS IN MUSIC

"I Have Felt the Hand of God"

Senior Choir

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"Jesus Loves Me" vs. 1

Children under age four may go to the Nursery  
Children ages four through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade are dismissed for Junior Worship

## OFFERING

Offertory

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

"Our Sacrifice of Praise" arr. by Don Wyrzten & Dick Torrans  
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

#95

## SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:22-30

<sup>22</sup> At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> The Father and I are one."

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

**Thanks be to God!**

## MESSAGE

***"I Just Want To Be A Sheep"***

Pastor Josh Freshour

## CELEBRATION OF HOLY BAPTISM

## HYMN OF PRAYER

"Surely the Presence of the Lord"

#328

**Surely the presence  
of the Lord is in this place;  
I can feel  
his mighty power  
and his grace.  
I can hear the brush  
of angels' wings,  
I see glory on each face;  
surely the presence  
of the Lord is in this place.**

## 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

"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.

\*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

"Because He Lives" arr. by Alvin C. Whitworth

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Liturgist: Terry Huff  
Greeters/Acolytes: Terry & Ann Huff

*Next Sunday Scripture: Acts 11:1-18 & Sermon Title: "What God Has Called Clean"*

*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 **Ladies' Lunch Group** will be meeting **today** after the second service.

This **evening** at 7 p.m. in PSUMC's sanctuary, EJ Walker's Next Generation Voice Studio will present **"Jukebox"** a recital of songs from musicals featuring popular music from the ages.

**Monday Morning Bible Study Group** will meet **tomorrow** morning at 9:30 a.m.

The **Hilda Weiss Circle** will meet **tomorrow** at noon for their Quiet Meal in the Fellowship Hall. Norma Stump will lead the program. Dee O'Neil will be the hostess.

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

The **Guiding Light Circle** will meet on **Tuesday, May 13**, at 1 p.m. The Shoe box item for May is girl's underwear. May's hostess is Judy Stambazze.

The **Education Team** will meet on **Tuesday, May 13**, at 6 p.m. in the Upper Room.

The **Leadership Team** will meet on **Thursday, May 15**, at 6 p.m. in the Upper Room.

**Newsletter Deadline** will be **Friday, May 16**, for our June 2025 Tower Notes!

**Neighborhood Supper** will be **Friday, May 16**, from 5 – 6 p.m. as a Carry-Out Meal.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** will be held on **Saturday, May 17**, at 8 a.m. There will be good food, devotions and fellowship! Please join this amazing group of men!

**Sunday, May 18**, we will take a special **Wesley Scholarship Offering** to help our youth.

**UWIF Meal** - the following groups of servants may dine at no cost, **Sunday, May 18**, after the second service: Graduates, choir members, accompanists, ushers, Sunday school teachers, and sound techs. Picnic fare will be the menu: Chicken & Sloppy Joe sandwiches, Linda's macaroni salad, baked beans from Rose Anderson's "Recipe," Molly Lu's heavenly eggs, cheese chunks, chips, beverages, and a dessert. Meals will be \$8.00 per adult, \$4.00 per child 10 and under, and \$20.00 for a family. Please consider joining us for this day of celebration, of kinship, and of fellowship.

**Marion Music Club** – will perform in our sanctuary next **Sunday, May 18**, at 3 p.m.

The **United Women In Faith Executive Board** will meet **Monday, May 19**, at 2 p.m.

**Laundry Love Ministry** will be **Monday, May 19**, 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!

Mara Frank's **Graduation Party** - **Saturday, May 24**, from 4 – 7 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall.

**Free Community Breakfast** will be held on **Saturday, May 24**, from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. This community outreach is sponsored by the Men's Prayer Breakfast group and the UWIF's S.K.I. Group. This breakfast is free and open to all (donations will be accepted).

If you have questions, please contact Bill Bess at 740-360-3965. Hope to see you there.

We will collect for the **Salvation Army Food Pantry** on **Sunday, May 25**. Suggested donations: **Baby Food**. 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!

**Noisy Collection** will be on **Sunday, May 25**, for the St. Vincent de' Paul's Food Pantry.

Emma McKenney's **Graduation Party** on **Sunday, May 25**, from 2 – 5 p.m. at the Erickson Pavilion at McKinley Park. RSVP to 740-262-4341.

Once again, Prospect Street United Methodist Church has the honor of hosting The Cardinal Chorale, under the direction of Mr. Charles R. Snyder on **Saturday, June 7**. As in the past, we **ABSOLUTELY MUST** have assistance from our congregation in order for the concert to happen.

- **MARK** the date on your calendars.
- **HOUSING** is a dire necessity. We must have approximately 10 homes from PSUMC. Host homes will have 2-4 singers. Hosts provide a light snack after the concert (water/fruit) bedding, shower/towels, and a light breakfast for the morning. You will need to pick them up after the concert and bring them back in the morning.
- **DONATIONS** - If you are unable to attend the concert or host singers, you can support the Chorale through a financial gift. Money is needed to help pay for their week-long traveling tour. Donations of any size are truly appreciated.

Please contact the church office to let us know if you can assist with this concert in any way.

**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 May 4:** Sunday School – 31                      Worship Services – 27/76

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