

Prospect Street United Methodist Church

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Sunday, May 4th, 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.”

3rd Sunday of Easter

Joshua Freshour, Pastor

*Please stand if you are able

Please silence electronic devices

WELCOME

Michelle Fassler

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.
He is exalted,
the King is exalted on high.
He is exalted,
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I will praise Him.
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and I will praise His name!
He is the Lord,
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the King is exalted on high!

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
“Bound for the Promised Land” arr. by Charlie Miller

Lighting of the Altar Candles

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We have many destinations in our lives.

People: We go to fix things, we go to erase things, we go escape things.

Leader: We go to meet with friends...we go to spar with enemies.

People: We go to learn and we go to teach.

Leader: But no matter the many paths we take.

People: May Christ walk with us every step of the way.

*OPENING HYMN

"I Surrender All" vs. 1 - 4

#354

**1. All to Jesus I surrender;
all to him I freely give;
I will ever
love and trust him,
in his presence daily live.
I surrender all, I surrender all,
all to thee,
my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.**

**2. All to Jesus I surrender;
humbly at his feet I bow,
worldly pleasures
all forsaken;
take me, Jesus, take me now.
I surrender all, I surrender all,
all to thee,
my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.**

**3. All to Jesus I surrender;
make me, Savior,
wholly thine;
let me feel the Holy Spirit,
truly know that
thou art mine.
I surrender all, I surrender all,
all to thee,
my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.**

**4. All to Jesus I surrender;
Lord, I give
myself to thee;
fill me with thy
love and power;
let thy blessing fall on me.
I surrender all, I surrender all,
all to thee,
my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.**

*INVOCATION

Everlasting Father, give us the wisdom and guidance today to know who we are and to trust in how You have created us. We call upon the insight and direction of the Holy Spirit to fall upon us this hour so that we are empowered to know that it's not a matter of where we go but rather who is leading us. No moment, no place, no opportunity is insignificant, or purposeless if we allow You, Christ Jesus to lead our lives. Help us to believe that while life might place forks in the road causing us to change our direction, You, O God, by Your Son Jesus Christ place a greater spiritual fork in our lives. This assures us that when our lives are pointed in the direction of You, Jesus, no matter where we go, we are where we are supposed to be. Amen.

WITNESS IN MUSIC

"Glad Praises We Sing"

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

"In This Very Room" arr. by Fred Bock

Special Offering

"Native American Ministries"

*Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

#95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 9:1-20

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest **2** and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. **3** Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. **4** He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" **5** He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. **6** But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." **7** The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. **8** Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. **9** For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. **10** Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." **11** The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, **12** and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." **13** But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; **14** and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." **15** But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; **16** I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." **17** So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." **18** And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, **19** and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, **20** and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

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

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

"Put A Fork In Me"

Pastor Josh Freshour

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

HOLY COMMUNION

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

"He Lives"

#310

**1. I serve a risen Savior,
he's in the world today;
I know that he is living,
whatever foes may say.
I see his hand of mercy,
I hear his voice of cheer,
and just the time
I need him,
he's always near.
He lives, he lives,
Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me
and talks with me
along life's narrow way.
He lives, he lives,
salvation to impart!
You asked me how
I know he lives?
He lives within my heart.**

**2. In all the
world around me
I see his loving care,
and though my heart
grows weary,
I never will despair.
I know that
he is leading
through all the stormy blast;
the day of
his appearing
will come at last.
He lives, he lives,
Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me**

and talks with me
along life's narrow way.
He lives, he lives,
salvation to impart!
You asked me how
I know he lives?
He lives within my heart.
3. Rejoice, rejoice,
O Christian,
lift up your voice and sing
eternal hallelujahs
to Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of
all who seek him,
the help of all who find;
none other is
so loving,
so good and kind.
He lives, he lives,
Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me
and talks with me
along life's narrow way.
He lives, he lives,
salvation to impart!
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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

"He Rules Over All" arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

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Liturgist: Kathy Castle  
Greeters/Acolytes: Janey Fassler

*Next Sunday Scripture: John 10:22-30 & Sermon Title: "I just want to be a sheep"*

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

The **Prayer Team** will meet **this morning** during the Sunday School Hour.

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

The **Board of Trustees** will meet **tomorrow** at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The **Finance Team** will meet on **Thursday, May 8**, at 7 p.m. in the Upper Room.

The **Ladies' Lunch Group** will be meeting on **Sunday, May 11**, after the second service.

On Mother's Day, **May 11**, 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. With a cast of 10 student's and guests from 9 years old to adults the show will contain such memorable songs as "We Got the Beat," "Dancing in the Street," and "Natural Woman." Admission is free and the show should last about an hour. All are encouraged to come and bring family and friends to celebrate the "Music of our Youth."

The **Hilda Weiss Circle** will meet on **Monday, May 12**, at 1 p.m. 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 on **Monday, May 12**, 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!

**UWIF Meal** - So, as in the last several years, the following groups of servants may dine at no cost, on **Sunday, May 18**, after the second church 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 on **Sunday, May 18**, at 3 p.m.

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

**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.

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! If you have any questions, please call Erika.

**Attendance April 27:** Sunday School – 25      Worship Services – 29/75

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