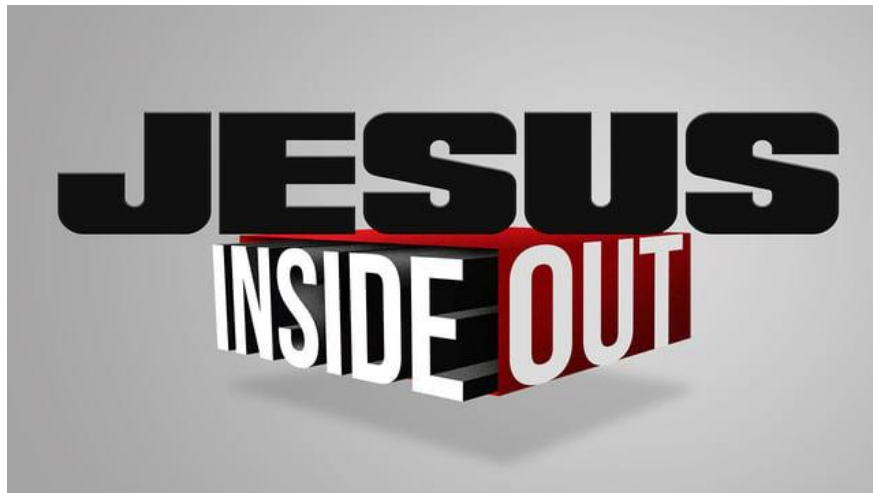


Prospect Street United Methodist Church
185 S. Prospect Street, Marion, OH 43302
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Pastor, Joshua Freshour
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Sunday, September 21st, 2025
10:30 a.m.



Mission Statement:

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to grow in our commitment to Christ,
to serve others, and welcome all people."

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua Freshour, Pastor

*Please stand if you are able

Please silence electronic devices

WELCOME

Michelle Fassler

OPENING PRAISE SONG

"I Love You, Lord"

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

"Like a River Glorious" arr. by Mary McDonald

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Use this time to prepare your heart for worship

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

*OPENING HYMN

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We, as a church, are always teaching.

People: When we are out in the world, what are we teaching is about Jesus Christ?

Leader: If we want to build trust, we can't only be a "do as I say" kind of teacher.

People: We must be a people of practice.

Leader: We need to do as we say.

People: So that what we say and what we do are the same.

*INVOCATION

Jesus Christ, You who sustain us with grace and peace, help us to be the great evangelists You need us to be to the world. If we are to preach Your love and grace and salvation, may we back it up by extending a hand to the hopeless, listening to the voiceless, and investing time in the forgotten. We have been given many gifts by which we can share the joy of Christ. The most important of all however, is the heart by which Christ's love flows forth. Help us, O God, to not let our minds and mouths get in the way of where the heart of Jesus Christ is leading. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

"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

"You'll Never Walk Alone" arr. by James Michael Stevens

*Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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*Prayer of Thanksgiving

SCRIPTURE READING

James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. 2 For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. 3 If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. 4 Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. 5 So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! 6 And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. 7 For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, 8 but no one can tame the tongue – a restless evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. 10 From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. 11 Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? 12 Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

"Inside Out"

HYMN OF PRAYER

"Father, I Adore You"

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

"I'm Goin' a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing"

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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

"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" arr. by Lani Smith

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Liturgist: Paula Kline

Greeters/Acolytes: Darlynn Blessing & Patty Franklin

Next Sunday Scripture: 1 Timothy 2:1-7  
Sermon Title: "Innocent Always and Forever"

*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.

**Youth Gathering** – today at 2 p.m.

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

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

**Senior Choir** - Choir practice will be every **Wednesday** at 7 p.m. in the Choir Room.

The **Leadership Team** will meet again on **Thursday, September 25**, at 6 p.m. in the Upper Room.

**Free Community Breakfast** will be held again on **Saturday, September 27**, from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. Come one, come all to help, support or just have breakfast and fellowship.

**New Member Class** will be held **September 27** at 10 a.m. in the Upper Room.

The **Children's Choir** will meet every **Saturday** at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary. Children of all ages are welcome from 3 years old and up.

**Ham Loaf Sale** - The Guiding Light Circle Gals will be making Ham Loaves October 8 through the 11. Pre order sign-up sheets are placed in strategic high traffic areas of the church. Please place your order by **September 28**. Cost is \$3.50 per loaf, \$4.00 with homemade mustard sauce.

**Noisy Collection** will be on **Sunday, September 28**, for our Laundry Ministry Fund.

We will collect for the **Salvation Army Food Pantry** on **Sunday, September 28**. Suggested donations: **Prepared Dinners**. They are also in need of paper products and feminine products. Put your donations in the shopping cart in the back of the sanctuary.

**Laundry Love Ministry** will be **Monday, September 29**, at 4:30 p.m. at the Southtown Cleaning Village, 355 S. Main Street in Marion. They are in need of Laundry Detergent.

The **United Women In Faith Executive Board** will meet **Monday, September 29**, at 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Basement Sale – Friday, October 3**, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. and **Saturday, October 4**, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. John Row would like at least 10 people to volunteer to be Basement Sale Movers and Shakers. Set up, sorting, pricing, all happens the week of the sale. Lots of hours in a few days will lead to a great event. Sorting and pricing will begin September 29. Actual table display set up will begin Wednesday, October 1. Come join the fun, and share in the fellowship. All the proceeds will benefit one or more of our church families' mission project.

The **Sacrament of Holy Communion** will be served during both worship services **Sunday, October 5**.

A special **World Communion Sunday Offering** will be collected on **Sunday, October 5**.

The **Martha Horne Circle** will meet again on **Thursday, October 9**, at 6 p.m. This will be a work night to prepare items to sell at the bazaar.

**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.

**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 September 14:** Sunday School – 39      Worship Services – 15/115

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