

# Prospect Street United Methodist Church

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**Sunday, April 19th, 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.”

# 3<sup>rd</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

Michelle Fassler

OPENING PRAISE SONG

“We Will Glorify”

on screens

PASS THE PEACE

Leader:

The Lord Be With You

People:

And Also with You

CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

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PRELUDE

“How Great Thou Art” arr. by Janet Linker

Jim Anderson

Lighting of the Altar Candles

*Use this time to prepare your heart for worship*

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader: We tend to be a people who are closed.**

People: We close ourselves off to new things.

**Leader: We close ourselves off to challenging things.**

People: We close ourselves off because it's safer that way.

**Leader: But the Word was always meant to be open.**

People: And when the scriptures open up to us, we ourselves can't help but be open as well.

\*OPENING HYMN

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

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\*INVOCATION

**God of the open hand and open arms. We ask You today for the Holy Spirit to open each of us up in new and dynamic ways. Help us to trust, O God, in Your loving guidance as we begin the sometimes painful and difficult process of opening ourselves up. We are a deep and complex people, O God, and You created us to be that way. That which we show on the surface is not usually as powerful or transformational as the good stuff that lies within. That which is beauty, love, grace and reconciliation. Help us to see and accept that Your desire, O God, is that we reveal these beautiful aspects of who we are because that which is on the inside is the very thing that can change our lives and the lives of those around us. Amen.**

WITNESS IN MUSIC

“Give Me Oil in My Lamp”

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

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” arr. by Albin C. Whitworth

\*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-35

13 Now on the same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14 and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15 While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, 16 but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17 And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. 18 Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” 19 He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. 22 Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 23 and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. 24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” 25 Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! 26 Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” 27 Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. 28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. 29 But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him/ and he vanished from their sight. 32 They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” 33 That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. 34 They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” 35 Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

MESSAGE

**“Open and Closed”**

Pastor Josh Freshour

HYMN OF PRAYER

“Open Our Eyes, Lord”

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

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

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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

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives” arr. by Kevin Hildebrand

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Liturgist: Emma Crease  
Greeters/Acolytes: The Deeter Family

*Next Sunday Scripture: John 10:1-18 & Sermon Title: “Reach out and Touch Someone”*

*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 sign-up sheet (with a post it note reminder for you to place on your calendar) will be in the foyer beginning **today**. **National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 7** - Once again, we will hold a National Day of Prayer 24-hour Prayer Vigil! To accomplish this, your help is needed! The idea is a chain of praying people, each lifting our nation in prayer for a specific half-hour shift. The overall goal is one full day of prayer with someone from our “church family” praying for our Nation and our leaders during each of the 48 segments, for a total chain of 24 uninterrupted hours of prayer. Won’t you prayerfully consider taking a timeslot to help us reach this goal?

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

The **Education/VBS Team** will meet on **Tuesday, April 21**, at 6 p.m. in the Upper Room.

**Bible Study** – every **Wednesday** at 6 p.m.

**Book Study** every **Friday** at 10 a.m. and **Bible Study** every **Friday** at 11 a.m.

**Free Community Breakfast** will be held again on **Saturday, April 25**, from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. Come one, come all to help, support or just have breakfast and fellowship.

**Noisy Collection** will be on **Sunday, April 26**, for the Peanut Butter & Jelly Truck.

We will collect for the **Salvation Army Food Pantry** on **Sunday, April 26**. Suggested donations: **Dry Beverage Mixes (instant coffee and tea, instant breakfast drinks, etc.)** 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!

The **YA Squad** will meet on **Sunday, April 26**, at 1 p.m.

**Youth Fellowship** will meet on **Sunday, April 26**, from 2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.

The **Marion Music Club** will be performing on **Sunday, April 26**, at 3 p.m. at Pleasant HS.

The **United Women In Faith Executive Board** will meet **Monday, April 27**, at 2 p.m.

**Laundry Love Ministry** will be **Monday, April 27**, 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.

**Life Line Screening** will be here on **Friday, May 1**, offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. Three ways to register: Call: 1-800-324-9458 promo code HABC001, Online: LLSA.SOCIAL/HABC, Text: the word circle to 216-279-1607.

The **Sacrament of Holy Communion** will be served at both services on **Sunday, May 3**.

**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!

**Attendance April 12:** Sunday School –30

Worship Services – 29/67

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