

# Prospect Street United Methodist Church

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**Sunday, April 26th, 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.”

# 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

NOISY COLLECTION

Peanut Butter & Jelly Truck

WELCOME

Terry Huff

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

Jim Anderson & Gary Flach

“The Gift of Love” arr. by Joel Raney

Lighting of the Altar Candles

*Use this time to prepare your heart for worship*

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Shepherd is calling us.

**People: Jesus wants us to respond.**

Leader: The Shepherd is calling us by name.

**People: Jesus calls us because He knows us, He loves us, and we are His.**

Leader: The Shepherd is calling us to come to Him.

**People: We're coming to our Lord and together He will gather us in.**

\*OPENING HYMN

“The Gift of Love”

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\*INVOCATION

**O God, we ask that You be present in this time of worship. Help us to realize that we are able to be fed in this hour only when we first make the decision to give and let go. We are served when we first serve. We are forgiven when we are first able to forgive. We are Yours when we decide that it is so and when we receive the invitation. Help us to believe in You, the Shepherd who gathers and guides and in You the gate, who protects and empowers. Help us O God, to believe in one another,**

**the flock. For when we trust in You and in the direction You place into each of our hearts, we can do amazing things in Your name! 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

“Lead Me to Calvary” arr. by Tedd Smith & Don Hustad

Loose offering to help students at YonSei Medical Center in Korea & General Fund

\*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

#95

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:1-18

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. 2 The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” 6 Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. 7 So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. 11 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13 The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. 17 For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.

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

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

**“To Seek and To Protect”**

Pastor Josh Freshour

HYMN OF PRAYER

“People Need the 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 "I Have Decided To Follow Jesus"

\*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 "More About Jesus" arr. by Mary McDonald

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Liturgist: Colleen McCartney  
Greeters/Acolytes: Alexxis Burris & Joyce Burris

*Next Sunday Scripture: John 6:32-35 and John 15:4-8 &  
Sermon Title: "Broken and Beautiful"*

*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.

The **Marion Music Club** will be performing "Celebrating Pop and Jazz Music" **today** at 3 p.m. at Pleasant High School.

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

The **United Women In Faith Executive Board** will meet **tomorrow** at 2 p.m.

**Laundry Love Ministry** will be held **tomorrow** 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.

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

**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.

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

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

The **Board of Trustees** will meet on **Monday, May 4**, at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The sign-up sheet (with a post it note reminder for you to place on your calendar) is in the foyer. **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 **Prayer Team** will meet **Sunday, May 10**, during the Sunday School hour in the Library.

The **Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations Team** will meet **Monday, May 11**, at 6 p.m.

The **Education/VBS Team** will meet on **Tuesday, May 12**, at 6 p.m.

**UWIF Meal** - For many years, our graduates have been honored with a meal after church. In the past few years, it has evolved to include those who have served our church and these graduates in their spiritual walks. In keeping with tradition, the following groups of servants may dine at no cost, on **Sunday, May 17**, after the second church service: Graduates, choir members, accompanists, ushers, Sunday school teachers, and sound techs. Picnic fare will be the menu – chicken and sloppy joe sandwiches, boxed mac & Cheese, baked beans, chips, beverages, and 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 and acknowledgment.

Once again, Prospect Street UMC has the honor of hosting **The Cardinal Chorale** under the direction of Mr. Charles R. Snyder. On **Monday, June 8, at 7 p.m.** This is a Christian Hospitality Opportunity!

- Please **MARK** the date on your calendars.
- **INVITE FRIENDS. It is a FREE concert!**
- **HOUSING** is always a large responsibility. We must have housing for approximately 45 people. Host homes will have 2-4 singers. These people are some of the most kind and thoughtful people you will ever meet. Host families often feel like they have been more on the receiving end, rather than the giving end, after this experience. The singers aren't picky; they are willing to sleep on beds, air mattresses or couches! 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 coach bus and driver. Donations of any size are truly appreciated.

Please contact the church office, if you can assist with this concert in any way.

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 19:** Sunday School - 30

Worship Services – 25/73

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