

Prospect Street United Methodist Church  
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**Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 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.”

# 6<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

“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 Firm A Foundation”  
arr. by Mark Hayes and Marvin Gaspard

Jim Anderson & Gary Flach

Lighting of the Altar Candles

*Use this time to prepare your heart for worship*

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As we come here today to worship a God that creates...

**People: We recognize the amazing tool that God used in that creation process.**

Leader: We are all here to participate in God's creation...

**People: Because of the gift of motherhood.**

Leader: We thank you God for mothers and their role in the gift of life...

**People: And we thank you for their role in the gift of love.**

\*OPENING HYMN

“O Worship the King”

#73

\*INVOCATION

**Gracious Creator, You who gave birth to the world. Who created humanity out of love. So often we call out to You in imagery that is masculine by nature. But help us to see that You are a God that exhibits characteristics of both man and woman. You are just as much a father to us, O God, as You are a mother. If you were not balanced as such, You would not have created the role of mother. And so, we thank You God, for the role of women in this creation and the role of mothers**

**in this creation. The nurturing actions and healing voices they provide bring balance to the family and harmony to the church and the world. Amen.**

WITNESS IN MUSIC

“These Are the Things”

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

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” arr. by Albin Whitworth

\*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

#95

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:1-7 and John 12-13;17-19

<sup>1</sup> “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” <sup>12</sup> Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life. <sup>13</sup> Then the Pharisees said to him, “You are testifying on your own behalf; your testimony is not valid. <sup>17</sup> In your law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is valid. <sup>18</sup> I testify on my own behalf, and the Father who sent me testifies on my behalf.” <sup>19</sup> Then they said to him, “Where is your Father?” Jesus answered, “You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also.”

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

**Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

“Real Truth is God Centered”

Pastor Josh

HYMN OF PRAYER

“Spirit Song

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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

“Maker, in Whom We Live”

#88

\*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

"Christ Is Alive!" arr. by Eleanor Whitsett

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Liturgist: Terry Huff

Greeters/Acolytes: John & Diane Row

*Next Sunday Scripture: John 11:17-27, 38-44 & Sermon Title: "It's Never Too Late"*

*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.

**Ladies' Lunch** will meet **today** after the Traditional Service at Red Lobster.

The **YA Squad** will meet **today** at 1 p.m.

**Youth Fellowship** will meet **today** from 2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.

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

The **Hilda Weiss Circle** will meet again **tomorrow** at 1 p.m.

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

The **Guiding Light Circle** will meet on **Tuesday, May 12**, at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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

**Wesley Scholarship Team** will meet on **Wednesday, May 13**, at 6 p.m. in the Library.

**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.

**Newsletter Deadline** will be **Thursday, May 14**, for our June 2026 Tower Notes!

The **Finance Team** will meet again on **Thursday, May 14**, at 7 p.m. in the Upper Room.

**Neighborhood Supper** will be **Friday, May 15**, from 5 – 6 p.m. as a Carry-Out Meal.

Neighborhood Supper has seen an increase in the number of people served. The past several months we have served between 160 and 190 people. That means we need 30+dozen of cookies each month. Although we have had a few ladies commit to making cookies, we still have times when we are short. We are looking for cookie bakers again. Would you be willing to bake a couple of batches each month? If so, please see Molly Lu Balis or call her at 740-251-8989.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** will be held on **Saturday, May 16**, at 8 a.m. There will be good food, devotions and fellowship! We have decided to help our own kitchen supplies. The supplies most needed are: Coffee, especially decaf; napkins; vegetable oil; salt & pepper; powdered creamer; Dawn dish soap.

A special **Wesley Scholarship Offering** will be collected next **Sunday, May 17**.

**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!

The **Marion Music Club** will be performing in our Sanctuary on **Sunday, May 17**, at 3 p.m.

The **United Women In Faith Executive Board** will meet **Monday, May 18**, at 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Laundry Love Ministry** will be **Monday, May 18**, 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.

**Nate Freshour's Graduation Party – Sunday, June 7**, from 2 – 5 p.m. at Crosswood UMC.

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.

**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: May 3** Sunday School - 23                      Worship Services – 24/61

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