

**Prospect Street United Methodist Church**  
185 S. Prospect Street, Marion, OH 43302  
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**Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**10:30 a.m.**



**Mission Statement:**

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

# 7<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”

PASS THE PEACE

Leader:

The Lord Be With You

People:

**And Also with You**

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PRELUDE

Jim Anderson & Gary Flach

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship” arr. by Gaspard & Hayes

Lighting of the Altar Candles

*Use this time to prepare your heart for worship*

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader: We lift up praise to our God who gives us life.**

People: God has created us in love.

**Leader: We lift up praise to our God whose Son saved our lives.**

People: Jesus Christ has put an end to eternal punishment.

**Leader: We lift up praise to our God who revived us from death**

People: And by the Holy Spirit, gives us a holy purpose for living. Praise be to God.

\*OPENING HYMN

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

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\*INVOCATION

**Gracious and loving Savior, we call upon You today to recognize in us, Your people, the areas in our lives that are sleeping and dormant. The parts of who we are that we ignore and neglect and that we treat as dead. You love us as whole individuals and You love us as a whole body of believers. May we remove from our lives those things which are “life taking” and nurture the parts of who we are that re “life giving”. So that our whole selves can experience revival and so that we can find that we are not just living, but living for You. Amen.**

WITNESS IN MUSIC

“The Potter’s Hand”

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

RECOGNITION OF COLLEGE GRADUATES

*Seth Erford*

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

*Aron Fausnaugh, Nate Freshour, Liam Honey, Brysen LaBounty, Sophia Sponseller*

WESLEY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

OFFERING

Offertory	"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" arr. by Albin Whitworth	
Special Offering	"Wesley Scholarship"	see bulletin insert
*Doxology	"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"	#95
*Prayer of Thanksgiving		

SCRIPTURE READING

John 11:17-27, 38-44

<sup>17</sup> When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup> She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." <sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

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

**Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

**"It's Never Too Late"**

Pastor Josh

HYMN OF PRAYER

"Majesty, Worship His Majesty"

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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.**

\*BENEDICTION

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"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

"Love Lifted Me" arr. by Mary McDonald

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Liturgist: Faye Roszman

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Greeters/Acolytes: Patty Franklin & Darlynn Blessing

*Next Sunday Scripture: Acts 2:1-21 & Sermon Title: "When Life Hands You Old Wine, Make it New"*

*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.

**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 **today** 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 join us for this celebration!

The **Marion Music Club** will be performing in our Sanctuary this **afternoon** at 4:30 p.m.

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. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Laundry Love Ministry** will be **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.

The **Leadership Team** will meet on **Thursday, May 21**, at 6 p.m. in the Upper Room.

**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, May 23**, from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. Come one, come all to help, support or just have breakfast and fellowship.

The **YA Squad** will meet on **Sunday, May 24**, at 1 p.m.

**Youth Fellowship** will meet on **Sunday, May 24**, from 2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.

We will collect for the **Salvation Army Food Pantry** on **Sunday, May 24**. Suggested donations: **Baby Food**. 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!

**Noisy Collection** will be on **Sunday, May 24**, for St. Vincent de Paul's Food Pantry.

A special "**Peace with Justice Offering**" will be collected on **Sunday, May 31**.

**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!

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. We are delivering DVDs on Monday mornings!

**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 May 10:**      Sunday School - 25                      Worship Services – 24/89

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