

**First United Methodist Church**

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**October 10, 2021 — October 16, 2021**

*“Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost”*

Usher / Greeter: Candace Haskell

Organist: Mary Prater

Liturgist: Louise Burson

Pianist:

Altar Flowers:

Fellowship:

Monday (10/11) Ad Council 10am, Bible Study 11:30 / Prayer Group 12:30

Tuesday (10/12) Pasty Prep 10am, Vitality 11am, UMW Meeting 1pm

Wednesday (10/13) Pasty Sales

Thursday (10/14) Pasty Sales

Friday (10/15)

**October 17, 2021 — October 23, 2021**

*“Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost”*

Usher / Greeter:

Organist: Mary Prater

Liturgist: Sharon Feichtenbiner

Pianist:

Altar Flowers: Carol Weinert

Fellowship:

Monday (10/18) Bible Study 11:30 / Prayer Group 12:30

Tuesday (10/19)

Wednesday (10/20)

Thursday (10/21)

Friday (10/22)

Saturday (10/23) Work Bee 9am-12



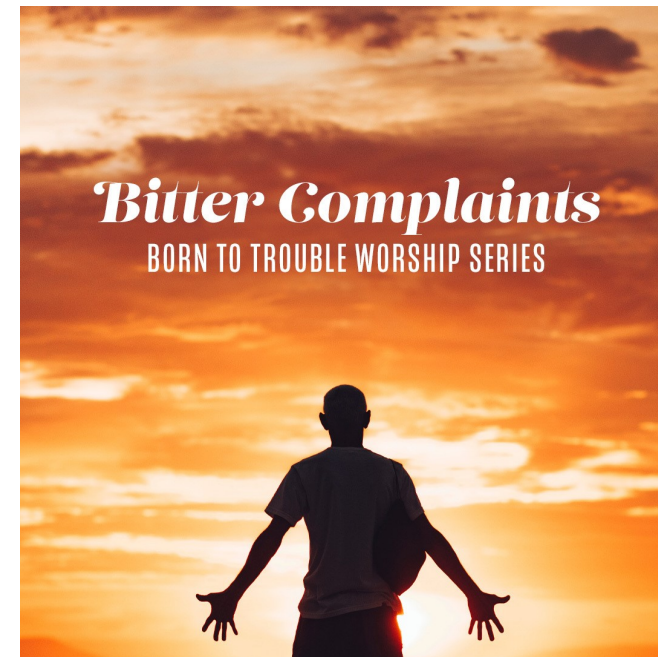
Let us please keep the following people in our prayers: Hank Weinert, Jodi Louwsma, Martha Weeks, Joel Prater, Ted Burson, Penny Tracy, Connie Whitsitt, Larry Billings, Jason Coryell, Kali Lewis, and the Janice Chittle family.



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CHURCH

190 North Cedar Manistique, MI 49854

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***Bitter Complaints***

BORN TO TROUBLE WORSHIP SERIES

*“WE EXIST TO JOYFULLY SHARE GOD'S LOVE, PREACH THE GOOD NEWS AND MAKE DISCIPLES.”*



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**October 10th, 2021**  
*“Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost”*



WORSHIP 11AM

PRELUDE Love Lifted Me/Jesus is Always There

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER—INVOCATION

PSALM 22:1-15

**\*PRAISE CHORUS:** UMH 176 Majesty, Worship His Majesty

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**  
 L: The *Bible* says that nothing can separate us from our God. Nothing. Yet throughout the ages people have despaired because God seems so far away. Even Jesus, while hanging on the cross, felt that God had forsaken Him. How can this be?  
**P: We, too, sometimes feel that God has moved away from us. We call on Him, but He is not there. Why not?**  
 L: Sometimes we move away from God to follow our own will. Sometimes we are so distracted by our attraction to our own possessions, our own agendas and desires, that we do not attend to God but let those things draw us away from Him.  
**P: It is true that people do indeed let their things, their activities, and the worldly demands on their time draw us away from God. However this does not apply to Jesus. Why did He feel God had abandoned Him?**  
 L: Jesus was separated from God by the same thing which separates us from God: sin. For us, it is our own sins which separate us. In the case of Jesus, who was sinless, it is our sins which separated Him from God. Jesus took our sins upon Himself that we might have a relationship with God. He paid a very high price for us. How then can we not repent of our sins and allow God to enter our hearts?  
**P: O God, forgive us our hardness of heart, our proclivity to sin, and our desire to blame You when we draw away from You to follow our own sinful ways. Enter into our lives today, and keep us from the harm we would cause ourselves by following our own desires rather than obeying You.**

**\*OPENING HYMN:** UMH 117 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

**\*APOSTLE’S CREED:** UMH 881

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN’S TIME

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION:** UMH 415 Take Up Thy Cross

**\*SCRIPTURE READING:** Job 23:1-9, 16-17

SERMON Bitter Complaints

PRAYER TIME Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

PRAYER HYMN Hear Our Prayer, O Lord,  
 Hear Our Prayer, O Lord,  
 Incline Thine ear to us,  
 And grant us Thy peace.

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

**\*DOXOLOGY:** UMH 95

OFFERTORY PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC Our God is Great

**\*CLOSING HYMN:** UMH 396 O Jesus, I have Promised

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE:** Take My Life, and Let It

\* DENOTES CONGREGATION STANDING (AS ABLE)  
 \* PLEASE BE SURE TO SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE