

**First United Methodist Church**

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**March 16, 2025 — March 22, 2025**

*"2nd Sunday in Lent"*

Usher/Greeter: Needed

Pianist/Organist: Trina Rochna

Liturgist: Janet Helmbold

Children's Worship: Natalie G./Mary W.

Altar Flowers: Needed

Fellowship: Connie & Dan Kelsey

Monthly Mission Noisy Offering: UMCOR Emergency Relief

Monday (3/17) Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM

Tuesday (3/18) Ad Council 10 AM

Wednesday (3/19) Lenten Soup & Devotion 5 PM

Thursday (3/20)

Friday (3/21)

Saturday (3/22)

**March 23, 2025 — March 29, 2025**

*"3rd Sunday in Lent"*

Usher/Greeter: Needed

Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin

Liturgist: Lisa Jones

Children's Worship: Natalie G./Needed

Altar Flowers: Needed

Fellowship: Carolyn Williams

Monthly Mission Noisy Offering: UMCOR Emergency Relief

Monday (3/24) Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM

Tuesday (3/25)

Wednesday (3/26) Lenten Soup & Devotion 5 PM

Thursday (3/27)

Friday (3/28)

Saturday (3/29)

**Lectionary Calendar—Bible Study**

3/16/25 Gen 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 27 (UMH 758); Phil 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

3/23/25 Isa 55:1-9; Ps 63:1-8 (UMH 788); Phil 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

Let us please keep the following people in our prayers: Vic & Sharon Vanderville, Bill Tufnell, Char Crosby, Penny Tracy, Jean Smith, Carol Weinert, Martha Weeks, Barbara Schneider, Phyllis Burge, Curt & Celie Norton, Ted Burson, Mary Prater, Lynn LaRose, Katie Putnam, Sharon V. & Celie N.'s brother, Kerry Billings family concerns, Michael Haynes, Connie Meade, Jo Nell Rubick, Joel Prater, Connie Whitsitt, Sandi Kolder, Betty Tracy, Jesse Baker, travel mercies, our snowbirds, and unspoken requests.



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190 North Cedar St., Manistique, MI 49854

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WORSHIP 11AM

PRELUDE: That’s Why We Praise Him

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER—INVOCATION

PSALM 27

\*PRAISE CHORUS: UMH 63 (2 times) Blessed Be the Name

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: Suppose that some people came to you and earnestly told you that others were coming to kill you. You are certain that they are telling you the truth. What would you do?

**P: We would probably leave immediately and hide in a secure place!**

L: Now suppose that your father had explained that he knew about those who were aiming to kill you, and he told you to let them do so. What would you do?

**P: Our fathers would never do such a thing! Why should they? They love us!**

L: This happened to Jesus. As much as Jesus knew how much God loved Him, God also had a plan for the world, for He also loved the people He had created. God knew that all people are sinners, and that by themselves they can never escape the punishment of death which sin demands. Jesus knew this, and chose to obey His Father and die for us. What is our response?

**P: O God, forgive us! We know that we are not worthy of the sacrifice of Your Son, and yet He died for us in obedience to Your will for Him. We are profoundly grateful to You. Strengthen our faith so much that we will do whatever it is that You ask of us, even unto death itself.**

\*OPENING HYMN: UMH 189 Fairest Lord Jesus

\*APOSTLES’ CREED: UMH 881

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN’S TIME

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION: UMH 419 I Am Thine, O Lord

**\*GOSPEL READING**

Luke 13:31-35

SERMON: Conceal Me

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. (2x)  
 Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY: El Shadai

\*DOXOLOGY: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

\*CLOSING HYMN: UMH 572 Pass It On

\*BENEDICTION

\*PARTING HYMN: UMH 672 (v. 1) God Be With You

POSTLUDE: Cornerstone

**The Altar Rail is open to all.**

**March Mission Noisy Offering—UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)**

This noisy offering is used to provide emergency relief to those affected by disasters.  
 God is working through us. Thank you for your support!

**There is a retro loveseat available, FREE, if you are interested!**

\* DENOTES CONGREGATION STANDING (AS ABLE)

\* PLEASE BE SURE TO SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE