

**Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 21, 2008 10:00 a.m.**

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*Our mission is to change peoples' lives
through a relationship with Jesus Christ.*

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~WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE~

Greeting of Peace

Prelude *"Canon in D"* *Johann Pachelbel*

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Call to Worship

- L:** God breathed life into human beings made in God's image.
P: **We remember. So let's give God the glory!**
L: God called to a runaway shepherd, Moses, to lead God's people out of slavery.
P: **We remember. So let's give God the glory!**
L: God, like a pillar of clouds, lead the people through the sea to freedom.
P: **We remember. So let's give God the glory!**
L: God caused a rock in the wilderness to flow like a river.
P: **We remember. So let's give God the glory!**
L: God gives us a way when there seems no way.
P: **We remember. So we worship today**

Hymn *"Morning Has Broken"* **#145**

Opening Prayer

O God, turn our faces, our voices, and our lives toward you so we might know goodness, receive what we most need, and share the gifts of life with others. Amen

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church

Offertory *"I Shall Not Walk Alone"* *Ben Harper*

Doxology **#95**

Offertory Prayer

The fruits of our labors are yours, O God, but you allow us to manage them for you. Most we use for our own benefits, but today we bring a portion to help others, as you have commanded. We do so joyfully, asking that you bless your church here and everywhere. Help us to be more faithful stewards. Amen.

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Reception of New Members **pg 45**

*Karen Albright, Brandon Brower, Tom & Anne Farley,
Adele Gentry, Lou & Carla Squier, Florence Phillips*

Anthem *"Lead Me, Guide Me"* *arr.by Elvis Presley*

Reading of the Word
Gospel *Matthew 20: 1-16*

***Hymn** *"Standing on the Promises"* **#374**

The Message *Rev. Michele Ewers*

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~WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE~

A Time for Prayer

Lord's Prayer

