

**Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
October 5, 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

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Call To Worship

L: Give thanks for a loving God.

P: **For God alone deserves our thanksgiving and praise.**

L: Let us praise God with hosannas and hallelujahs.

P: **For God is our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.**

L: Let us proclaim God's good news to all people.

All: **Let us open our hearts and our arms to extend God's love
to all people.**

Hymn "How Great Thou Art" #77

Opening Prayer:

Everlasting God, we come before you with praise and thanksgiving. You call us your children and treat us as such even when our desires prevail over your will for us. How often we reject the opportunity to serve others; how often we fail to be the spirit in a spiritless world and the heart in a heartless world. O merciful God, we ask that your will prevail in our lives and your light shine through us so that by our presence and our actions, we may bring your taste to all who long for it. Help us, O God, to be mindful of our brothers and sisters everywhere who struggle to survive. May our action be an empowering blessing to them, for they too are your children. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church

Offertory "One Bread, One Body" # 620

Doxology

#95

Offertory Prayer

For the land you have given us, for the rich abundance that surrounds us, for all who lead us toward the life you intend for us, we give thanks. In our giving, keep us from too easy satisfaction with what we have already accomplished. Set our minds on the possibilities before us, that we may live as citizens of heaven while coping with the controversies of our times. Bless and use our offerings. Amen.

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

A Time for the Child in All of Us

Anthem

Reading of the Word

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 11: 17-29

Communion Meditation

Rev. Michele Ewers

Litany for Christian Unity

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~WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE~

Celebration of the Sacrament

Invitation

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Prayer of Confession

God of all nations, we praise you that in Christ the barriers that have separated humanity are torn down. Yet we confess our slowness to open our hearts and minds to those of other lands, tongues, and races. Deliver us from the sins of fear and prejudice, that we may move toward the day when all are truly one in Jesus Christ. Amen

Pardon

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread & Cup

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~WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD~

Hymn *"Grace Alone"* **#2162**

Sending Forth:

Before us it is blessed, behind us it is blessed,
below us it is blessed, above us it is blessed,
around us it is blessed as we set out with Christ.

Our speech is blessed as we set out for Christ.

With beauty before us, with beauty behind us,
with beauty below us, with beauty above us,
with beauty around us, we set out for a holy place indeed. Amen.

(Traditional Navaho Prayer)

Closing Song *"Awesome God "* **#2040**

~Bringing The Light Into the World~

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