

**Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost
October 12, 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: God has appointed for us places and responsibilities. Come now to claim what God has entrusted to us.

P: **We hear God calling us, and we seek to respond. We feel God's presence and sense God's purpose.**

L: In steadfast love and faithfulness God keeps covenant with us.

P: **We gather together to remember that God rules, that nothing in our lives is beyond God's care.**

L: No enemies within or without can affect or disturb when we turn to the One who strengthens us.

All: **We turn away from violence, troubles, and fear to seek God's revelation and sing our Creator's praise.**

Hymn "To God Be the Glory" #98

Opening Prayer

From the trembling foundations of the earth, we come to worship. From the changing scenes of nations and people, we gather to ponder your word and remember your works. From the fears that overwhelm us, we flee to your presence, asking you to speak once more, Mighty God. Come within us to bring strength, overcoming our weakness. Come among us to build community, turning our differences into creative energy. Receive us now as your seeking children. Amen

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church

A Time For The Child In All Of Us

Offertory

Doxology

#95

Offertory Prayer

For your abounding grace, we give thanks, O God. For your steadfast love, we pour out our gratitude. May our gifts provide for those who seek refuge from doubt, from oppression, from ignorance, from calamity. Through giving in Christ's name, we seek to grow in the Spirit of One who gave life itself for us. Amen.

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Anthem "I Have Chosen You" Don Francisco
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Reading of the Word

Hebrew Scripture:

Selected verses from the book of Nehemiah

Hymn "God Is So Good" #2056

The Message Rev. Michele Ewers

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~WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE~

A Time for Prayer

Lord's Prayer

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~WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD~

Hymn *“Give Thanks”* **#2036**

Sending Forth

L: God has named us anew and commissions us to serve. Go forth to fulfill your baptism as Christ’s disciples.

P: **Our steps will hold fast to paths where God directs; our lips will proclaim God’s steadfast love.**

L: Welcome all who take up their cross to follow Christ; minister to the needs of all God’s children.

All: **We will cherish the prophet’s word and the child’s faith. We will seek first the will of our Creator.**

Closing Song *“Forever”* **Insert**

~Bringing the Light into the World~