

**Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost
Laity Sunday
October 19, 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: Praise the Lord; praise God, O my soul! Let us praise God as long as we live.

P: **God alone is worthy of our devotion; we will sing praise to God all our life long.**

L: Happy are those whose hope is in God, who labor in steadfast faith and love.

P: **God lifts up those who are bowed down; prisoners are freed, and the blind see.**

L: Grace to you and peace, from God whose care we know. Worship now, giving to God all that belongs to God.

P: **We bring all that we are to this time of worship. Praise God for the joy inspired by the Holy Spirit.**

Hymn "Take My Life, and Let It Be" #399

Opening Prayer

We gather in faith and hope to worship and praise you, God of all people. You have fed us in ways we did not know and have supported us when we had no strength of our own. You turn us from the idols we continue to create. You bring us together to remember the good news of your healing love and to experience the joy of your Spirit moving among us. Thanks be to you, O God, for all your gifts to us. Amen

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church

A Time For The Child In All Of Us *Mr. Charlie Thompson*

Offertory "More Love More Power" **Insert**

Doxology #95

Offertory Prayer

We give thanks that the gospel finds voice through us and our gifts, sounding forth against rival claims of today's Caesars. We dance for joy, knowing that hungry people will be fed and the oppressed will find freedom. Surely you provide a homeland for us all where we are accepted and loved and given a ministry. Multiply, we pray, the work of our hands. Amen.

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Anthem "If We Are The Body"

Reading of the Word

Epistle *1 Thessalonians 1:1-10*

Gospel *Matthew 22:15-22*

Hymn "Bound By Love" **Insert**

The Message *Mr. Glenn King*

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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 *“Lord of the Dance”* **#261**

Sending Forth

- L:** Until our breath departs and we return to the ground, let us trust in God and sing praises to the Almighty.
- P:** **Where Christ leads, we will follow; where God sends us, we will go.**
- L:** God watches over all of us, life’s sojourners, upholding all in need and helping all who call.
- P:** **God’s people are our next of kin; all who suffer are our brothers and sisters.**
- L:** Throughout all generations, God reigns; wherever we go, we are God’s representatives.
- P:** **Through our lives, we will express our faith; in all we say and do, may God be praised.**
- All:** **Amen.**

Closing Song *“Rise Up and Praise Him”* **Insert**

~Bringing the Light into the World~