

**Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost
October 26, 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

"Faith of Our Fathers"
Lighting of the Altar Candles

Call to Worship

L: Link your hearts with one another in God's presence; know that you are a part of God's family.

P: **The love of God chooses and unites us; that love causes us to value ourselves and others.**

L: Open yourselves to God's testing and God's demands; receive God's gentle care and warm embrace.

All: **God is our judge and inspiration; God is our comfort and our refuge.**

Hymn

"Battle Hymn of the Republic" **#717**

Opening Prayer

In this sanctuary set aside for your worship, we pause to contemplate your greatness, O God. Out of the thick clouds that limit our vision, we hear you whisper our names and call us into community. You claim us as your own and equip us to be a holy people. Help us to accept that role without misusing it, that your name may be honored in all we do, and your way be lifted up among all people. Amen

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church

A Time For The Child In All Of Us

Offertory

"Unchained"

Doxology

#95

Offertory Prayer

Giver of all gifts, we seek to share as you have shared with us. We want to serve in the spirit of Christ. Therefore, we rededicate ourselves with this offering. As we seek your blessing, we ask no more for this faith community than we would ask for all people everywhere. May we love you and one another as we learn to love ourselves as imitators of your holy way. Amen.

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Anthem

"God's Radar"

Reading of the Word

Epistle

Romans 12: 9-21

Gospel

Matthew 22: 34-40

Hymn

"O How I Love Jesus"

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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

“Stand By Me”

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Sending Forth

L: God has given us commandments by which to live. God has embraced us with love that inspires our love.

P: **We will love God with heart and soul and mind; we will love ourselves and our neighbors.**

L: Carry with you the lingering sense of God’s presence; hold your brothers and sisters in your prayers.

All: **Surely God goes with us wherever we go; we will meet God in others, and they, in us. Amen.**

Closing Song

“Let It Be”

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~Bringing the Light into the World~