

Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost

November 2, 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

Sing: *"Blest Are They" vs. 1* #2155

L: We come to sit at the feet of our Teacher, the Christ, and hear
good news for our lives.

Sing: *"Blest Are They" vs. 2*

L: We come to be reminded of who we are in God's love.

Sing: *"Blest Are They" vs. 3*

L: We come to worship our Father and Mother God known in the
stories of Jesus.

Hymn *"Blest Are They"* #2155 vs. 4,5

Opening Prayer

God, we carry your teaching in and out of this special place. We carry
your teaching in our hearts and our minds. We carry your teaching in
our hands and in our feet in service. We carry your teaching on our
lips. Carry us now into the joy of your steadfast love as we worship.
Amen.

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church

Offertory

Doxology #95

Offertory Prayer

May our offerings give support to building the world as you intend.
May we turn from anxious toil to effective service. We commit
ourselves once again to lead lives worthy of you, O God. We bear
witness to the world through all we gladly give, not to call attention to
ourselves, but to bless your name. Prosper our efforts as we find joy in
the ministries you entrust to us. Amen.

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Anthem *"Love Them Like Jesus"* Arr: Casting Crowns

Reading of the Word

Epistle: *1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13*

Gospel: *Matthew 5: 1-12*

A Time for the Child in All of Us

Hymn *"Thy Word"* #601

Witness

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~WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE~

Celebration of the Sacrament

Invitation Pg 12

Prayer of Confession

Humble us, O God, when our pretense gets in the way of right
relations with you and with other people. Lift us up when we belittle
ourselves and fail to live as your children. We confess our fascination
with pastimes that have no substance and pursuits that have no merit.
We seek honors and recognition more than faithfulness to your word.
We need your forgiveness.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

God, who has nourished our lives from their beginning, seeks to build
with us and bless us. God heals us from self-seeking, that our
relationships may be honest and fulfilling. Surely the word of God is at
work in us now, restoring and making whole. Let us live with joy the
abundant life God intends for us. Amen.

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 *"Make Me a Servant"* **# 2176**

Sending Forth

All: In the Spirit of the Christ, we are sent out as partners in service with others in our community and the world. We are sent out to untie burdens and put on our response to Jesus' teaching. We are sent out to lift off the yoke of oppression and sadness and put on the yoke of love. Thanks be to God!

***Closing Song** *"Shout To The North"* **Insert**

~Bringing The Light Into the World~