

**Twenty-seventh Sunday After Pentecost  
November 16, 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:** We come to worship with many ways of showing praise.

**Left:** *(look and reach up)* **We stretch. Our eyes look up. We imagine you, God, looking upon us.**

**Right:** *(reach out with hands open and look down)* **We extend our hands to await your blessing. We are humbled in your presence, God.**

**Left:** *(reach up)* **Receive our longing, our reaching, the joyful songs we raise.**

**Right:** *(reach out with hands open)* **Receive our humility, our relationships with one another, our looking close to the ground.**

**L:** With all our postures, we worship God.

**Hymn** "Will the Circle Be Unbroken"

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*Habershon & Gabriel*

**Opening Prayer**

We joyfully receive your abundant gifts, O God. We pause this day to feel the power of life within us, the potential for compassion around us, and your steady ground of hope beneath us. We, who have taken your love for granted, are stunned by the judgment that calls us to account. We are shaken, yet strangely reassured by a God who wants only the best for us. Meet us here to turn us from our sinful ways. Amen.

**This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church**

**A Time For The Child In All Of Us**

*Ingrid Murphy*

**Offertory**

*"I Thought About You Lord"*

*Willie Nelson*

**Doxology**

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**Offertory Prayer**

Accept our gifts, O God, for we bring them with joy. Receive our thanks for all the mercies granted us by your divine majesty. May you be glorified by these gifts, even as they encourage us in our work together. May the ministries they enable carry good news to many we will never know. Amen.

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**~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~**

**Anthem** "Are You Walking & A'Talking with the Lord" *Hank Williams*

**Pledging Our Support**

*Glenn King*

**Reading of the Word**

**Gospel:** *Matthew 25: 14-30*

**Hymn**

*"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"*

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**Witness**

*Bob Marseglia  
Dixi & Ray Talke,  
Danielle Wilson,  
Laural Plourde,  
Rev. Michele Ewers*

**Hymn**

*"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"*

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**~WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE~**

**A Time for Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer**

