

Thanksgiving Sunday
November 23, 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:** Come, gather together people of God.
P: **We come to sing and shout God's praise.**
L: The gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy!
The river of God is full of water. The pastures of the
wilderness overflow with richness.
P: **The hills and valleys are full of God's blessing.**
L: Together they shout and sing for joy.
P: **Together we shout and sing for joy!**
L: We will not forget our God, and the earth that nourishes us.
All: **We will remember and give thanks.**

Hymn *"For The Beauty of the Earth"* **#92**

Opening Prayer

Loving God, Creator of all things, we come to you this day with thankful hearts, for all your gifts to us and to your people everywhere. We think about the amazing beauty of the world you have made, and this powerful yet fragile land we call our home. As we worship together, remind us of the sacredness of all creation and of our responsibility to respect the ways of the earth and the connections between all things. Amen.

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church

A Time For The Child In All Of Us

Ingrid Murphy

Offertory

Doxology

#95

Offertory Prayer

We thank you God that we can share in the life and work of your church through these gifts. You have blessed us, and now we offer our gifts in response to your great love for us. Amen.

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Anthem

Reading of the Word

Epistle *2 Corinthians 9: 6-15*
Gospel *Luke 7: 11-19*

Hymn

"Come, Rejoice in God"

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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 *“King of Kings”* **#2075**

Litany of Thanksgiving **Insert**

Sending Forth

L: As we return to our everyday lives, let us continue to celebrate
and live true thanksgiving.

P: **And may the grace of Christ attend us, the love of God
surround us, and the Holy Spirit keep us. Amen**

Closing Song *“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”* **#2223**

~Bringing the Light into the World~