

**Second Sunday After The Epiphany
January 18, 2009 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: Before anything was,
P: **God dreamed of me.**
L: God searches for me,
P: **God finds me.**
L: Before I speak,
P: **God hears me.**
L: Before I move,
P: **God is before me.**
L: Before I was born,
P: **God knew me.**
L: Before I was seen,
P: **God saw me.**
L: Before I was named,
P: **God called me.**
L: Before I give praise.
P: **God calls me here.**

Hymn *"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"* **#400**

Opening Prayer

Here, in your presence, may we hear you call our names and willingly follow you here and in every place we travel. So call us again, O God, for we come with a desire to know you better, here and in every place you wait for us. Amen.

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church

A Time For The Child In All Of Us

Stewardship Moment

Derek Plourde

Offertory *"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"* **# 474**

Doxology **#95**

Offertory Prayer

O God, from whom comes all the good things we enjoy, we offer our gifts in the spirit of those long ago who opened costly treasures before Jesus. We give in response to your generosity, identifying with your pity and compassion for victims of violence, poverty, and oppression. May all who are in need experience the unsearchable riches of Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit, even as their physical needs are being met. May we be co-workers with Christ, whose sacrifice brought our redemption. Amen.

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Anthem *"When The Roll Is Call Up Yonder"* *James M. Black*

Reading of the Word

Hebrew Scripture *1 Samuel 3:1-10*
Gospel *John 1:43-51*

Hymn *"Here I Am Lord"* **#593**

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 *“Shall We Gather by the River”* **#723**

Sending Forth

L: Go forth to answer God’s call to service, sharing the love of Christ with all you meet.

P: **We have heard God’s word for our day and want to follow where Christ leads.**

L: Venture into unknown tomorrows in faith, for you are co-workers with Christ.

P: **We have found the Messiah! All of life is made new in Jesus Christ.**

L: You are set free from bondage and fear; you shall be called by a new name.

All: **We will glorify God in our bodies and welcome the Spirit’s dwelling within. Amen.**

Closing Song *“Let There Be Peace on Earth”* **#431**

~Bringing the Light into the World~

*Call To Worship, Opening Prayer from Seasons of the Spirit
Offertory Prayer and Sending Forth,
from Whispers of God, By Lavon Bayler*

*Other Lectionary readings for today:
Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18
1 Corinthians 6: 12-20*