

**Fifth Sunday After The Epiphany
February 8, 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 *based on Psalm 147: 1-11, 20*

L: God cares for all the creatures of earth giving us food to eat and filling the sky with rain-filled clouds. God is filled with goodness.

P: **We lift our praise to you, O God.**

L: God lifts up those who have been trampled under the feet of abusive power and comforts them with sacred shelter. God is filled with justice.

P: **We lift our praise to you, O God.**

L: God heals those whose hearts are broken taking away the scars of their memory and giving them peace beyond understanding. God is filled with compassion.

P: **We lift our praise to you, O God.**

L: God lifts up the people gathering together the forgotten ones and making them into a new community. God is filled with love.

P: **We lift our praise to you, O God.**

Hymn *"Take Time to Be Holy"* #395, v. 1,2,4

Opening Prayer

As a mother eagle lifts up her young, lift up those who wait for you, O God, and renew us in this time of worship. Trusting in your steadfast love, we wait for your presence. Believing you are our source of strength, we wait for you to empower us. Longing for your healing touch, we wait for you to transform us. We wait, O God, for you. Amen.

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church

A Time For The Child In All Of Us

Offertory *"Unashamed Love"* *Lamont Hiebert*

Doxology #95

Offertory Prayer

We offer these gifts to you, O God. Use them to build up your people, to create a home for the marginalized, to heal the wounds of the broken-hearted, to lift up the downtrodden, and to bring goodness to the earth. Filled with your spirit of strength, we offer all that we are to live your way in this world. Amen.

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Anthem *"Hymn Medley"*

Reading of the Word
Gospel *Mark 1: 29-39*

Hymn *"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"* # 2151

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 *“On Eagles Wings”* **#143**

Sending Forth

L: God sends us forth with clear directions to take the good news to all the world.

P: **As we have received God’s love and care, we want to pass it on.**

L: We are not bound by limitations of the law, but claim our freedom in Christ.

P: **We will live the good news of God’s love wherever we go and in all that we do.**

L: May the peace and grace of God go with you, lifting you up and granting you new life!

All: **Amen.**

Closing Song *“Shout To The North”* **Insert**

~Bringing the Light into the World~

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

Other Lectionary Readings for Today:

Isaiah 40: 21-31

Psalm 147: 1-11, 20c

1 Corinthians 9: 16-23