

**Sixth Sunday After The Epiphany
February 15, 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: All who want to be welcomed into a community where all are received as beloved of God, gather into this space of worship.

P: **We come to be clothed with joy!**

L: All who want to be refreshed and renewed with water that quenches your spiritual thirst, gather into this space of worship.

P: **We come to be clothed with joy!**

L: All who want to be warmed by eternal love that does not flicker or fade, gather into this space of worship.

P: **We come to be clothed with joy!**

L: Gather into this space alongside others who long for community, renewal, and love, and know the gifting of God.

P: **We come to be clothed with joy!**

Hymn *Swing Low Sweet Chariot* **#703**

Opening Prayer

O God, we gather near you and pray to receive your renewing touch. Through this community of compassion may we experience love that heals, grace that relieves our guilt, and a word that assures us of your purpose in our lives. Amen.

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church

A Time For The Child In All Of Us *Mr. Dean Fortin*

Offertory *"Unchained"* *Jude Johnstone*

Doxology **#95**

Offertory Prayer

For the many times you have preserved us from troubles and encompassed us with deliverance, we give thanks, O God! So bless these tokens of our gratitude that we may grow in appreciation of your gifts to us and in our response to your love. May all who are helped through our offerings be led to know the blessing of community and commitment. In Christ, we would offer our best. Amen.

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Anthem *"Pressing On"* *Bob Dylan*

Reading of the Word

Hebrew Scripture *2 Kings 5: 1-14*
Gospel *Mark 1: 40-45*

Hymn *"Battle Hymn of the Republic"* **#717**

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

“O Freedom”

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Sending Forth

- L:** Continue in God’s presence as we go our separate ways, for we are surrounded by God’s love and care.
- P:** **We take with us the joy of worship and prayer as we face the distress and distractions of the world.**
- L:** There is nowhere we can go away from God and no situation in which God is unavailable to us.
- P:** **In the quiet movement of God’s Spirit we are strengthened for each day’s decisions and tasks.**
- L:** Face the new possibilities God offers with expectant trust, for there is healing and hope for each day’s need.
- All:** **We embrace the wholeness God has revealed and claim the courage to follow where Christ leads. Amen.**

Closing Song

“Turn, Turn, Turn”

Pete Seeger

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~Bringing the Light into the World~

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

Other Lectionary Readings for Today:

1 Corinthians 9: 24-27

Psalm 30