

**Second Sunday In Lent  
March 8, 2009 10:00 a.m.**

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*Our mission is to change peoples' lives* *Todd*  
*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:** Welcome into this traveling place, all those who seek out a path.  
**P:** **We journey on in trust, for God never turns away.**  
**L:** Welcome into this traveling place, those who seek out love.  
**P:** **We journey on in trust, for God never turns away.**  
**L:** Welcome to this traveling place, those who seek out God.  
**P:** **We journey on in trust, for God never turns away.**

**Hymn** *"Where He Leads Me"* **#338**

**Opening Prayer**

God of Wonderful Deeds, we call on your name as we bring our words and works before you, seeking your affirmation and blessing. We are fully convinced that you are able to do according to your promises, and we want to live in covenant with you as disciples of Jesus Christ. Help us in this hour to break down the barriers that separate us from our highest intent. Amen.

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

**A Time For The Child In All Of Us**  
**Hebrew Scripture** *Psalm 22: 23-31*

**Offertory** *"Lord, Grant Me"* *Charlie Ewers &  
Todd Marston*

**Doxology** **#95**

**Offertory Prayer**

May our offerings prove that we are neither ashamed of the gospel nor unwilling to risk all your gifts to us. We rejoice in your promises, O God, even as we give ourselves to serve in Christ's name. Use these gifts and our lives to bring your love to all humankind. Amen.

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

**Anthem** *"Knowing You"* *arr. Graham Kendrick*

**Reading of the Word**  
**Gospel** *Mark 8:31-38*

**Hymn** *"El Shaddai"* **#123**

**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**

*“Give Thanks”*

**#2036**

**Sending Forth**

**L:** God is our companion, and we are blessed.

**P:** **God turns toward us, and we are blessed.**

**L:** God journeys with us, and we are blessed.

**All:** **We go now, together, and turn toward each other,  
as God turns always towards us.**

**Closing Song**

*“Every Move I Make”*

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**~Bringing the Light into the World~**

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

*Other Lectionary Readings for Today:*

*Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16*

*Psalm 22:23-31*

*Romans 4:13-25*