

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**March 29, 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**                    *"D Minor Minute"*                    *J.S.Bach*  
**Lighting of the Altar Candles**

**Call to Worship**

- L:** When our faith is lifted high and we move firmly in your love,  
**P:** **you will be our God and we will be your people.**  
**L:** When the pilgrimage is long and all our paths seem to lead to pain,  
**P:** **you will be our God and we will be your people.**  
**L:** When the way ahead is clear and we are surrounded by faithful community,  
**P:** **you will be our God and we will be your people.**  
**L:** When the young diminish in number and the old grow feeble in mind and spirit,  
**P:** **you will be our God and we will be your people.**  
**L:** Gather us, know us, teach us, lead us, write your name on our hearts so always...  
**P:** **you will be our God and we will be your people.**

**Hymn**                    *"Change My Heart O God"*                    **#2152**

**Opening Prayer**

Deep in our hearts, O God, we are known by you. Every crevice of our past, every heartbeat of our present, is known and loved by you. Inscribe in us the desire to know you, too, and knowing you, may we live more fully as your people. Amen.

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

**A Time for the Child in All of Us**

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

**Doxology**                    **#95**

**Offertory Prayer**

Our hearts would not withhold our devotion, or our hands grasp for ourselves what you summon us to give. May these gifts signify our commitment to follow Jesus. Receive these offerings and instruct us in their use, to your honor and glory. Amen.

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

**Anthem**                    *"The Potter's Hand"*                    *arr: Darlene Zschech*

**Reading of the Word**

**Hebrew Scripture**    *Jeremiah 31: 31-34*  
**Gospel**                    *John 12:20-33*

**Hymn**                    *"Glorify Thy Name"*                    **#2016**

**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**                    *“Hallelujah! What A Savior”*                    **Insert**

**Sending Forth**

**L:**    Speaking in every heartbeat,

**P:**    **we go to listen for God.**

**L:**    Knowing God’s law is written on our hearts,

**P:**    **we go to serve God.**

**L:**    Hearing God declare that only a heartbeat away is the  
promise of resurrection,

**P:**    **we go in the presence of God. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Closing Song**        *“I Have Decided To Follow Jesus”*                    **#2129**

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

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

*Other Lectionary Readings for Today:*

*Psalm 51: 1-12*

*Hebrews 5: 5-10*