

SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Passion ~ Palm Sunday

April 5, 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

Gospel *Mark 11: 1-11*

Opening Song *"Hosanna"* Insert

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Call To Worship

L: God wakens us to this new day and bids us enter the gates of righteousness.

P: **This is the day that God has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

L: God causes light to shine on us and blesses our festive procession.

All: **Blessed is the one who comes in God's name. Hosanna in the highest!**

Hymn *"Tell Me The Stories of Jesus"* #277

Opening Prayer:

God of love, we come today shouting our praises. Yet we know that we will probably leave here with different emotions. Be with us throughout this time of worship, and this coming Holy Week. As we read again the story of Jesus' suffering and death, help us to embrace what it means for our lives; today, tomorrow, and beyond. Amen.

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church

Offertory *"How Can You Refuse Him Now"* Hank Williams

Doxology #95

Offertory Prayer

If we had a donkey to lend to Jesus, we would do so. If we could ease Christ's way to Calvary, or prevent its cruelty, we would act. But these are not ours to give. So instead, we offer what we have: the tithes and offerings we have brought for your blessing --- and all the riches we keep for ourselves. Use everything we are and have to advance Christ's reign among us. Amen.

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Gospel *Mark 14: 1-2, 10, 12-25*

Celebration of Holy Communion

Sharing the Bread & Cup

"Down To The River" Alison Krauss

Gospel *Mark 14: 26-32*

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~WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE~

A Time for Prayer

Gospel *Mark 14: 41-50*

Anthem *"Above All"* Lenny Leblanc

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~WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD~

Gospel *Mark 15: 25-32*

Hymn *“Were You There”* **#288,vs.1-3**

Gospel *Mark 15: 33-39*

Hymn *“Were You There”* **#288,vs.4-5**

Going Forth

L: The nights ahead will be long.

P: We will go in the grace of God.

L: It will be a bleak time and we may be afraid.

P: We will go in the grace of God.

L: It will be a trying time and our faith may be challenged.

**P: We will go in the grace of God. We go now into suffering
and death. We will go in the grace of God.**

Closing Song *“The Old Rugged Cross”* **#504**

~Bringing the Light into the World~

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