

**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**April 19, 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**                    *"Pachelbel's Canon in D"*

**Lighting of the Altar Candles**

**Call to Worship**

- L:**    Come, Children of God, to sing a new song; clap your hands  
and shout your praise!  
**P:**    **Jesus is our good news, our joy, our salvation.**  
**L:**    In steadfast love and faithfulness God has done marvelous  
things.  
**All:**   **God raised Jesus from the dead; Christ is alive and at work  
among us.**

**Hymn**                    *"Christ Has Risen"*                    **#307**

**Opening Prayer**

Breathe your Holy Spirit into this gathering that we may know light and peace. Link us with all your children so we may recognize and celebrate our common humanity rather than quarrel over our differences. Motivate us to share with one another the resources you have entrusted to us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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

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

**Offertory**                    *"Precious Lord"*                    **#474**

**Doxology**                    **#95**

**Offertory Prayer**

Generous God, we respond to your will, that there be no needy among us, by bringing these gifts. May others be brought to faith and wholeness through their use. Unite us all, we pray, in the way of peace. Amen.

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

**Anthem**                    *"I Believe"*  
*written by Pence, Jeffrey Curtis/Sloan, Eliot Walker*

**Reading of the Word**

**New Testament**        *Acts 4: 32-35*  
**Gospel**                    *John 20: 19-31*

**Hymn**                    *"Open Our Eyes"*                    **#2086**

**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**            *"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"*            **#2153**

**Commission and Blessing**

- L:**    Walk in light as God's own children, united in love for one another.
- P:**    **We would dwell in God's house and abide in Christ's love.**
- L:**    Be guided by God's word, that you may bear good fruit.
- P:**    **We pray for God's guidance, that we may love in word and deed.**
- L:**    Peace be with you, as Christ sends you into the world as God's messengers.
- P:**    **We have received the Holy Spirit and carry God's message of forgiveness. Amen!**

**Closing Song**            *"Amen, Amen"*            **#2072**

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

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

*Other Lectionary Readings for the Second Sunday of Easter are:*

*Psalm 133  
1 John 1:1-2:2*