

**Fifth Sunday of Easter
Festival of the Christian Home
May 10, 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: In steadfast love and faithfulness God has done marvelous things.

P: **God raised Jesus from the dead; Christ is alive and at work among us.**

L: The ends of the earth turn to God; all families of nations worship our Creator.

All: **Christ is the vine; we are the branches. Apart from Christ we can do nothing.**

Hymn *"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"* **#557**

Opening Prayer:

We come to you, loving God, needing the love you alone can give. Your love comes to us in Jesus, bringing abundant life for all who will receive it. Empower us by your love to love one another; abide in us to perfect your gift within and among us. Through Christ. Amen.

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church

The Celebration of Holy Baptism

*Zachary Matthew Placzek, child of God
and of Sonya Dagnese and Matthew Placzek
Grandchild of Jean and Sela Rousseau*

Offertory

Doxology

#95

Offertory Prayer

We give to tell the world your good news in Christ. As you have loved us, we give ourselves in love for all your people. May we glorify you through our discipleship. Amen.

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Reading of the Word

Epistle *1 John 4: 7-12*

Anthem *"You Are My King (Amazing Love)"*

Prayer for Families

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~WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE~

Celebration of the Sacrament

Invitation

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Prayer of Confession

We confess, O God, that we are accustomed to having our own way. Our abundance has tricked us into believing that we are independent, self-sustaining creatures. Yet, when our ingenuity solves one problem, a dozen more seem to take its place. We need help to understand, to be reconnected, to be truly productive. We need your love and forgiveness in order to live with ourselves, and with one another. Help us, God! Amen.

Pardon

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread & Cup

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~WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD~

Hymn *“I Could Sing Of Your Love Forever”* **Insert**

Sending Forth:

L: Walk in the 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.

All: **We pray for God’s guidance, that we may love in word and deed. Amen.**

Closing Song *“My Life Is In You, Lord”* **#2032**

~Bringing The Light Into the World~

*Call to Worship, Opening Prayer, Offertory Prayer, Prayer of Confession and
Sending Forth as from Whispers of God by Lavon Bayler*