Sixth Sunday of Easter
Children's Sunday
"Hang On To Your Faith"
May 17, 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

Opening Song *"Everything We Got"* **Insert**

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Call To Worship

L: Shout your praises to God, everybody! Let loose and sing! Strike up the band!

P: **Round up an orchestra to play for God, add on a hundred-voice choir.**

L: Feature flute, drum, tambourine, keyboard and guitars! Fill the air with praises to God our King.

P: **Let the sea and its fish give a round of applause, with everything living on earth joining in.**

L: Let ocean breakers call out, "Encore!" And mountains harmonize the finale.

All: **Come, sing to God a brand new song!**

Hymn *"Standing on the Promises"* **#374**

Opening Prayer:
O God, we open our mouths to praise you and you open our spirits to receive you. We open our minds to learn of your ways and you open our wills to obey you. We open our hands to serve you and you open our hearts to love you. We are open to your mystery, O God, make yourself known in us this day. Amen.

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church

Prayers of Blessing for the Confirmands

Musical Offering *"I Am Amazing"* **Insert**
Sung by the Sunday School Children

Doxology **#95**

Offertory Prayer
Thank you God, for the joy of loving and giving, for the friendship of Christ and the many opportunities you give us to serve. May these gifts be used in accordance with your love for all your people. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Reading of the Word

Hebrew Scripture	*Proverbs 3: 5-6*	*Aidan Cook*
Epistle	*2 Peter 3:18*	*Arielle Wilson*

Anthem *"Forever Young"* *Bob Dylan*

Message *Sue Wood*

Teacher Appreciation

"Wonderful World"
Danced by Gabrielle Wood

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~WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE~

A Time For Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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~WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD~

Hymn *"Leaning On The Everlasting Arms"* **#133**

Sending Forth:

L: We came in our love for God,
P: **we go united in love for one another.**
L: We came ready to obey God's commandments,
P: **we go filled with faith in our hearts.**
L: We came as willing servants,
P: **we go as friends of God.**
L: Go as God's children united as friends by Jesus the Christ and empowered by the Spirit poured out on all.
All: **We will go to love and serve.**

Closing Song *"The Whole World" Lesley J. Clare*
Sung by the Sunday School children

~Bringing The Light Into the World~

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