

Ascension Sunday
May 24, 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: Clap your hands, all peoples, shout to God with loud songs
of joy.

P: **Sing praise to God, sing praises, for Christ is alive and the
Holy Spirit comes.**

L: God is ruler over all the earth and reigns over all the nations.

P: **God put all things under Christ's feet; Christ is head over
all things for the church.**

L: Gather to know the immeasurable greatness of God, to exalt in
the One who grants revelation.

All: **We come together blessing God for all we have seen and
heard.**

Hymn "He Lives" #310

Opening Prayer:

We enter into worship with great joy, O God, for you grant us
acceptance and lift us up with visions of what is yet to be. Hear our
psalms of praise and songs of faith as we wait in anticipation for the
power of your Spirit among us and within. Bless our worship. In
Jesus' name. Amen.

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church

A Time For The Child In All Of Us *Audry Sherry*

Offertory "Kum Ba Yah" #494

Doxology #95

Offertory Prayer

We respond as your apostles to the mission on which you send us. As
we speak of your realm, we would also extend the outreach of others
on behalf of your whole church in every land. We give thanks for
your revelation and your rule. Inspire your church to use these gifts to
your glory. Amen.

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Anthem

Reading of the Word

Epistle *Ephesians 1: 15-23*

Gospel *Luke 24: 44-53*

Hymn "Shout To The Lord" **Insert**

Message *Mike Sherry*

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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 *“Lord I Lift Your Name on High”* **#2088**

Sending Forth:

L: Carry God’s promises to all you meet and proclaim God’s immeasurable greatness.

P: **The eyes of our hearts have been enlightened, and we know the hope to which we are called.**

L: Christ blesses you with uplifted hands, granting insight and wisdom.

P: **We sing praises to God in word and deed, for Christ is alive and the Spirit comes.**

L: You shall receive power from the Holy Spirit to be witnesses to the ends of the earth.

All: **May our speech and our work be confirmed by God, that the world may hear and believe. Amen.**

Closing Song *“I’ll Fly Away”* **#2282**

~Bringing The Light Into the World~

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