

**Second Sunday After Pentecost**

**June 14, 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:** As seed is scattered generously in the hope of new growth,  
so are we gathered, then sent by the generous and hopeful love  
of God.

**P:** **And as plants take root deep within nourishing soils, so are  
we invited to find our lives in the very heart of God.**

**L:** Friends, be strengthened and encouraged.

**All:** **Let us open ourselves to the God who delights in our  
growth as people of wisdom, spirit, and compassion.**

**Hymn** "Hymn of Promise" #707

**Opening Prayer:**

God of great kindness and undying hope, we ask that your vision of a renewed world be rekindled in us today. May the promise of your reign and the wonder of its inclusive ways, redirect and inspire us into the days and weeks ahead. In the name of Christ and through the enfolding of the Spirit we pray. Amen.

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

**Stewardship Moment** Bob Marseglia

**Celebration of Baptism**  
*Caroline Theresa Sherry, child of God  
and of Audry and Mike Sherry*

**Offertory** "More Love, More Power"  
More love, more power, more of You in my life;  
More love, more power, more of You in my life.  
And I will worship You with all of my heart,  
And I will worship You with all of my mind;  
And I will worship You with all of my strength,  
You are my Lord, (You are my Lord)

**Doxology** #95

**Offertory Prayer**  
Creator God, for the miracle of life silently going on around and through us every second of the day, we give you great thanks. May we also be wasteful, flourishing givers of life and love, and may these presented gifts reflect that heartfelt desire. Amen.

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

**Anthem** "Make Me a Captive Lord/Love Divine All Love Excelling"

**Reading of the Word**  
**Epistle** 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10, 14-17  
**Gospel** Mark 4: 26-34

**Hymn** "Gather Us In" #2236

**Summer VBS** Vicky Viana

**Message** Rev. Michele Ewers

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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**                      *“Glory To God”*                      **#2033**

**Sending Forth**

- L:**     Live as God’s people in the world:  
         forgiven, supported, loved, equipped to serve.
- P:**     **God is our refuge and strength,  
         a very present help in trouble.**
- L:**     Be still and know that God is God.  
         Claim God’s realm for one another.
- All:**   **The realm of God is everywhere,  
         in time and beyond time. Amen.**

**Closing Song**                      *“Just A Closer Walk”*                      **#2158**

**~Bringing The Light Into the World~**

*Call to Worship, Opening Prayer, Offertory Prayer  
are from Seasons of the Spirit.  
The Sending Forth is from Whispers of God by Lavon Bayler.*

*Other Scripture readings for Today:  
1 Samuel 15: 34 – 16: 13  
Psalm 20*

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