

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

July 5, 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 "Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Call To Worship

L: God is with us wherever we go; let us together recognize God's presence here.

P: **God is the creator of our lives and does not abandon us on life's pilgrimage.**

L: We live in covenant with God, who is our rock and our salvation.

All: **We hear God calling us to covenant renewal, offering us strength to overcome our weaknesses.**

Hymn "Amazing Grace" #378

Opening Prayer

Draw us near to you, that we may recognize your all-sustaining love and power, O God. Come to us in our weakness and vulnerability, that we may face with new confidence the hardships and calamities of life. Help us to hear the wisdom resident among us as we listen to one another. May each of us be channels of your revelation and willingly acknowledge your presence and guidance as it comes in unexpected times, places, and people. Amen.

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church

Offertory "How Great Thou Art/Marching to Zion" Choir

Doxology #95

Offertory Prayer

Move us, O God, beyond the building of monuments to our faith to participation in mission, beyond the giving of our money to the giving of ourselves. Help us to discern your revelation and to share it. Guide us as we seek to follow Christ among those who know us best and in the company of strangers, that our very being may be our finest offering. Amen.

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Reading of the Word

Epistle 2 Corinthians 12: 1-10

A Time for the Child in All of Us

Anthem "So Good to Me" Darrell Evans and
Matt Jones

Message Rev. Michele Ewers

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~WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE~

Celebration of the Sacrament

Invitation Pg 12

Prayer of Confession

We confess, O God, our repeated tendency to insist on our own way. We want to make a name for ourselves no matter who is hurt by our pursuit of fame. We want you to cater to our needs and our schemes, and we're upset when you do not ease the way for us. Forgive our unwillingness to listen when your word comes to us through parents, children, friends, and humble messengers. Open our ears and help us to discern when you are speaking, and when the popular advise around us is not of your will and purpose. In Jesus' name. 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 *"Grace Alone"* **#2162**

Sending Forth:

- L:** We have experienced once more the steadfast love of God.
P: **God is with us wherever we go, so we will seek to walk with God this week.**
L: God is our Rock and our Salvation available whenever we call.
P: **When we are weak, God gives us strength; in hardship and calamity, God sees us through.**
All: **Let us live, then, as a people of the covenant, in touch moment by moment with the Source of Life. Amen.**

Closing Song *"Awesome God"* **#2040**

~Bringing The Light Into the World~

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

*Other Lectionary readings for July 5th are:
2 Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-10
Psalm 48
Mark 6: 1-6*