

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

July 12, 2009 10:00 a.m.

+ + +

*Our mission is to change peoples' lives
through a relationship with Jesus Christ.*

+ + +

~WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE~

Greeting of Peace

Prelude

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Call To Worship

L: Who are we, God, that you have brought us this far? You have blessed our homes and our church.

P: **You provide bread to satisfy our hunger and keep us day by day in your covenant.**

L: You have spoken to us in words of promise and placed a lighted lamp on our way.

P: **You have granted us wisdom and insight into the mystery of your will.**

L: Let us explore together what this means for our daily lives and for our church.

All: **We seek to know God's presence here and to receive spiritual blessings.**

Hymn "Blessed Assurance" **#369**

Opening Prayer:

In our journey through life we need to know, O God, that we are not alone. We hear your promise to be with us in all life's ups and downs, and in that assurance we seek to be your people. You are great, O God; there is none like you. Direct us away from the false gods we create so we can be fully open to your leading as we worship together. Amen.

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church

Stewardship Moment *Mark Gentry*

A Time For The Child In All Of Us

Hebrew Scripture 2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b -19

Offertory "Hallelujah (Your Love Is Amazing)"

Doxology **#95**

Offertory Prayer

For the greatness you have wrought among us, for your word of truth tailored to our limited understanding, for our adoption in Christ, we give thanks for these gifts. Grant that our offering may reach those who most need the help our resources can provide. In Jesus' name. Amen.

+ + +

~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Anthem "Deep Roots" *by Charlie Ewers*

Reading of the Word

Epistle *Ephesians 1: 3-14*

Hymn "Holy Ground" **#2272**

Summer VBS *Karen Albright*

Message *Rev. Michele Ewers*

+ + +

~WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE~

A Time For Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

+ + +

~WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD~

Hymn *“The King of Glory Comes”* **#2091**

Sending Forth

- L:** You are sent out with authority to proclaim good news and overcome evil.
- P:** **God has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.**
- L:** Take nothing for your journey, but travel light, depending only on God.
- P:** **God goes with us in all we do and is present wherever we dwell.**
- L:** If people turn away from your witness do not despair, but continue in ministry.
- All:** **We will shake the dust off our feet and announce again the grace of God. Amen.**

Closing Song *“Do Lord, Remember Me”* **#527**

~Bringing The Light Into the World~

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

Other lectionary readings for Today:

*Psalm 24
Mark 6: 14-29*