

## **Eighth Sunday After Pentecost**

**July 26, 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:** This is our hour to bend our knee before God. This is a time to offer our best to our Creator.

**P:** **We gather before God, who sees all our deeds. We open our hearts to One who knows all our thoughts.**

**L:** Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." We come together proclaiming, "God is with us!"

**P:** **We come to be strengthened in our inner being. We see to pattern our actions after Christ Jesus.**

**L:** God's presence evokes our joyous worship. The Holy Spirit empowers our service.

**All:** **To God be highest glory in the church. To God be endless adoration in the world. Amen.**

**Hymn** "To God Be The Glory" #98

**Opening Prayer:**

We are seeking after you, loving God, for you are our refuge. Your power is at work within and among us, even when we are unaware. We want to respond, not as fools, but as faithful friends of Jesus. We have come to discover the riches we did not know we possessed. We are here to offer our best for the good of all. Use us, we pray, to accomplish in and through this church, far more than we can ask or imagine. All glory be to you, amazing God, in this and every hour, forever and ever. Amen.

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

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

**Epistle** *Ephesians 3:14-21*

**Offertory** "What Does the Lord Require of You" #2174

**Doxology** #95

**Offertory Prayer**

We join with Jesus in giving thanks for the little things we can see, that our eyes may be opened to the great possibilities we had not imagined. May our efforts be multiplied by your grace so there is more than enough for all --- more comfort in sorrow, more relief from pain, more sense of your presence in the midst of loneliness, more strength to overcome our weakness, and more joy and enthusiasm to erase our apathy. Amen.

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

**Anthem** "Hymn Medley"

**Reading of the Word**  
**Gospel** *John 6:1-21*

**Hymn** "Lord, Be Glorified" #2150

**Summer VBS** *Laural Plourde*

**Message** *Rev. Michele Ewers*

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**~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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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**~WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD~**

**Hymn**                    *“Jesus Name Above All Names”*                    **#2071**

**Sending Forth**

- L:**     Go out and share what you have received. God will multiply the gifts that we give away.
- P:**     **We will turn away from fears of scarcity. We will celebrate and share our abundance.**
- L:**     God meets you amid the storms of life; God goes with you through the terrors of night.
- P:**     **We are embraced by God’s steadfast love. We will look up and not be afraid.**
- L:**     May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith. May the Holy Spirit strengthen your inner being.
- All:**   **To God be the glory in the church forever. May Christ be honored in all we say and do. Amen.**

**Closing Song**                    *“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”*

Jesus, lover of my soul. Jesus, I will never let you go.  
You’ve taken me from the miry clay  
Set my feet upon the rock and now I know.  
I love you, I need you.  
Though my world may fall I’ll never let you go.  
My Savior, my closest friend.  
I will worship you until the very end.

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

*Call to Worship, Opening Prayer, Offertory Prayer and Sending Forth  
are taken from Led by Love by Lavon Baylor.*

*Other lectionary readings for Today:*

*2 Samuel 11: 1-15*

*Psalm 14*