

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 9, 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: We gather as a human community, ordinary in all things yet extraordinary in this:

P: **In God's Spirit, we become the Body of Christ. We are trades people and artisans, teachers and lawyers, board members and directors, farmers and health workers, parents, children, siblings, and partners.**

L: In God's Spirit, we become the Body of Christ.

P: **We bring a variety of expressions, ethnicities, traditions, orientations, backgrounds.**

L: In God's Spirit, we become the Body of Christ. We delight in one another, work together, disagree at times, and support each other always.

P: **In God's Spirit, we become the Body of Christ. Let us worship God.**

Hymn "Let There Be Peace On Earth" #431

Opening Prayer:

We come, O God, from our individual worlds and all the life they hold into this shared space and time. Here we catch a glimpse of a vision beyond ourselves; in eyes met, hands held, and words spoken we see the Body of Christ. May this community take on the shape of your gracious love and sincere forgiveness as we live as the Body of Christ in our world. Amen.

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church

A Time For The Child In All Of Us

Epistle *Ephesians 4: 25 – 5:2*

Offertory "I Am The Bread of Life"

Doxology #95

Offertory Prayer

Thank you God, for your continuing guidance and care, even when we complain. Thank you for the living bread, Jesus Christ, who feeds our spirits. In gratitude for undeserved grace and unlimited opportunity, we dedicate our offering and ourselves. Let all we say and do, and all our resources build up the body of Christ for greater service. May the needs of many be addressed in ways that bring hope, grace, and love to your children. Amen.

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Anthem

Reading of the Word

Gospel *John 6:35, 41-51*

Hymn "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" #2026

Summer VBS *Sue Wood*

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 *“I’ve Got Peace Like A River”* **#2145**

Sending Forth

L: The steadfast love of God goes with you. The redeeming power of Christ sustains you.

P: **We have been forgiven and renewed. We face another week with confidence.**

L: Be kind to one another, tenderhearted and forgiving. Live in love as Christ demonstrated God’s love.

P: **We want to share the gifts of God with others. We seek to build up the body of Christ.**

L: Jesus said, *“Whoever believes has real life, eternal life.”*
Whoever eats this bread will live --- forever.

All: **We have been taught to live as God’s children. We can experience eternal life even today. Amen.**

Closing Song *“Bound By Love”* **Insert**

~Bringing The Light Into the World~

*Call to Worship, Opening Prayer, are taken from
Seasons of the Spirit.*

*Offertory Prayer and Sending Forth are taken from
Led by Love by Lavon Baylor.*

Other lectionary readings for Today:

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

Psalms 130