

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

August 16, 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

Opening Song *"Come! Come! Everybody Worship"* #2271

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Call To Worship

L: God is gracious and merciful and trustworthy. Let us join our voices in giving thanks.

P: **The works of God are all around us. Those who share in God's work lack for nothing.**

L: We are called to faithfulness, as God is faithful. We are people of the covenant, gathered to please God.

P: **Holy and awesome is God's name. The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.**

L: Come, then, as wise and faithful people. Come as a beloved community of the redeemed.

All: **We are amazed that God remembers us. We reach out to the God who cares for us.**

Hymn *"Be Thou My Vision"* #451

Opening Prayer:

O God, your ways may be greater than our ways, but your desire for justice and rightness is no secret to those who love you. May your spirit of wisdom grow within us this day, so we will know your ways more completely and have the will to follow more faithfully. Amen.

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church

A Time For The Child In All Of Us

Offertory *"As The Deer"* #2025

Doxology #95

Offertory Prayer

Your generosity, O God, is beyond our deserving. You grant health to our bodies and minds. You surround us with vast resources and with people who love us. You allow us to make decisions about the use of our time and possessions and relationships. Thank you, God, for this opportunity to share with others some of what we have received. Help us to use all our gifts as you intend. Amen.

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Anthem *"The Power of Your Love"* Geoff Bullock

Reading of the Word

Epistle *Ephesians 5: 15-20*

Gospel *John 6:51-58*

Hymn *"Father, I Adore You"* #2038

Summer VBS Heather Mawn

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 *“Great Is The Lord”* **#2022**

Sending Forth

- L:** Love God, and walk in the statutes that mark God’s reign. Let your worship continue throughout the week ahead.
- P:** **We will remember God’s steadfast love every day. We seek to walk in faithfulness and uprightness of heart.**
- L:** Live in awe before God, making the most of the time. Shun destructive foolishness and excesses.
- P:** **We strive to better discernment between good and evil. We ask for greater wisdom and understanding.**
- L:** The grace and mercy of God go with you today. God will keep covenant with you now and forever.
- All:** **We accept the living bread that came from heaven. We will walk with Christ through life’s valleys. Amen.**

Closing Song *“Shine, Jesus Shine”* **#2173**

~Bringing The Light Into the World~

*Opening Prayer is taken from
Seasons of the Spirit.*

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

*Other lectionary readings for Today:
1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14
Psalm 111*