

**Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 13, 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 *"This Is The Day"* **#657**
Lighting of the Altar Candles

Call To Worship and Opening Prayer

- L:** Gathered in the Spirit of Christ we jointly offer this prayer:
P: **Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O God, our rock and redeemer.**
L: Friends, we join together in this time and place; equal journeyers on the road of faith, and at one in our desire to be true to our calling.
P: **Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O God, our rock and redeemer.**
L: Let us lay aside all that hinders our way forward or distracts our attention from faith's goal. Together, let us seek and find wholeness in the welcoming love of God.
P: **Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O God, our rock and redeemer. Amen.**

Hymn *"How Great Thou Art"* **#77**

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church

A Time For The Child In All Of Us

Offertory *"God of Wonders"* *Paul Baloche*

Doxology **#95**

Offertory Prayer

We offer the treasures of this world as a way of recalling us into a right relationship with you, O God, the source of all wisdom and truth. Your design for life is more to be desired than the finest gold. To learn from you and to serve you is our highest joy. May our offering and our daily lives communicate this message. Amen.

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Anthem *"Indescribable"* *Chris Tomlin*

Reading of the Word

Epistle *James 3:1-12*
Gospel *Mark 8:27-38*

Hymn *"More Precious Than Silver"* **#2065**

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 *“Cry of My Heart”* **#2165**

Sending Forth

- L:** Let your words this week proclaim God’s love. May your hearts’ meditations be acceptable to God.
- P:** **We seek to let God guide our tongues. We want to speak without arrogance or false pride.**
- L:** Listen for the wisdom God wants you to know. Seek God’s council each day.
- P:** **We will look for God in the midst of creation. We will seek God’s face in the people around us.**
- L:** The heavens are telling the glory of God. God’s hand is outstretched to touch and heal you.
- All:** **How good it is to sense God’s guidance! How exciting it is to follow where Christ leads. Amen.**

Closing Song *“I Have Decided To Follow Jesus”* **#2129**

~Bringing The Light Into the World~

*Call to Worship and Opening Prayer is from Seasons of the Spirit.
The Offertory Prayer and Sending Forth are taken from
Led by Love by Lavon Baylor.*

*Other lectionary readings for Today:
Proverbs 1:20-33
Psalm 19*