

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

October 18, 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 and Opening Prayer

L: Let your minds ponder the manifold works of God. Let your spirits soar amid the wonders of creation.

P: *There is pulsating life all around us. The earth is full of God's creatures.*

L: Sun and rain proclaim God's infinite imagination. Moon and stars sing the glory of the Eternal One.

P: *It is God who shares with us wisdom and understanding. We depend on God for the gift of life.*

L: We gather to worship and praise the God of all people. We come to learn from the God we only dimly perceive.

All: *We reach out for answers to our questions. We long to find meaning and purpose for our days.*

Hymn "How Great Thou Art" #77

Opening Prayer

Holy One, before the wonder and power of your creative love, we offer our adoration, we welcome the silence (*pause*). Enveloped by your wisdom and held by your grace, we offer our adoration, we welcome the silence (*pause*). Challenged by your justice and sent by your spirit, we offer our adoration, we welcome the silence (*pause*). It is in the name of Christ we gather and pray. Amen.

**This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church
A Time For The Child In All Of Us**

Offertory "There Will Be Light"
arr. by Dixie Hummingbirds

Doxology #95

Offertory Prayer

We give with joy, loving God, in thanks for all you have allowed us to experience. By your love, we have survived and learned and grown. We dedicate these gifts that more people may be brought to the feet of Jesus, who is the eternal source of salvation. Equip us to be an inviting, caring community in which all your lost and searching people may find a genuine welcome and are lifted up to new understanding and joy. Amen.

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Anthem "City of Gold"
Arr. by The Sensational White Family Singers

Reading of the Word

Hebrew Scripture *Psalm 104:1-9,24,35*

Gospel *Mark 10:35-43*

Hymn "Joyful, Joyful" #89

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 *“They’ll Know We Are Christians”* **#2223**

Sending Forth

L: You are clothed with honor and wrapped in light. Bless God and proclaim God’s greatness to the world.

P: *In Christ, we are growing in wisdom and understanding. How manifold are the works of God!*

L: God has chosen us to be ministers to our neighbors. Deal gently and lovingly with God’s children.

P: *We will turn to God daily in prayer and praise. With reverent submission, we will seek to do God’s will.*

L: There is glory in all that we do in God’s name. Abundant joy awaits us all as we go forth to serve God and each other.

All: *We go forth facing another week of living with hope. God has strengthened us and sends us out to serve each other and to change the world. Amen.*

Closing Song *“Wonderful World”* **Insert**

~Bringing The Light Into the World~

*The Opening Prayer is from Seasons of the Spirit.
The Call to Worship ,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