

**Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost  
Reformation Sunday  
October 25, 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:** Lost in the crowd, left behind in the rush.

**P:** *Silenced by shame, crippled by fears.*

**L:** And so we come – not to parade, not to perform – but simply to be heard.

**All:** *And to be dignified in the hearing, to be re-valued for the living, to be inspired for the giving.*

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

**Opening Prayer**

God of Jesus, come our way, with ears of attentiveness and words of hope so that we, too, might rise up and follow in the steady footsteps of Jesus, taking shelter within the healing shadow of Christ. Amen.

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

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

**Stewardship Moment**

**Offertory** “Alleluia, Alleluia” #162

**Doxology**

#95

**Offertory Prayer**

We hear the call of Jesus to rise; we hear the call of Jesus to be well. We hear the call of Jesus to follow; we hear the call of Jesus to care. Bless these gifts, O God, and bless the lives of those who give in your service to the world. Amen.

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

**Anthem** “I Have Chosen You”

*Arr: Don Francisco*

**Reading of the Word** Mark 10:46-52

Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (that is, the Son of Timaeus), was sitting by the roadside begging.

When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” So they called to the blind man, “Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you.”

Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him. The blind man said, “My Teacher, I want to see.”

“Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has made you well.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

*Video: Healing the Blind Man by TheWorkofthePeople .com*

**Hymn** “In His Time” #2203

**Message** Rev. Michele Ewers

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**~WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE~**

**A Time For Prayer** Bob Marseglia

