

Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost

November 8, 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

Introit *"Pressing On"* *by Bob Dylan*

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Call To Worship

L: Welcome to the time of covenant renewal. The God of our salvation greets us here.

P: *We are reminded of God's promises to us; We remember the promises we have made.*

L: Sense the Spirit descending on us now. Hear God's welcoming voice.

All: *Surely God is with us. We can hear God calling our names. We are here to learn what God wants to teach us.*

Hymn *"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"* **Insert**

Opening Prayer

Lead us in your truth this day gracious God. We long to know your ways and to be guided by your Spirit. We want to grow in the likeness of Jesus, to learn to live in ways that are pleasing to you. We wait for you now, eager to respond to your teachings. Let nothing cut us off from you or separate us from one another, not only in this time of worship, but as we face the challenges of another week. Amen.

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church

Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism

*Brook Lura, Paul Edward, and Jacqueline Michele Cammarano,
children of God and of Bethany and Ted Cammarano*

Offertory *"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desire"* *Bach*

Danielle Wilson, Flute

Doxology #95

Offertory Prayer

Thank you, God, for the signs and wonders that reveal your presence. Thank you for the covenant fulfilled in Jesus Christ. We want to do our part to share your love with the world. Use our offerings and our lives to bring a realization of your reign among us. May we be humble, teachable, and faithful as we seek to lead others into a relationship with you. Amen.

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Anthem *"Worthy Is The Lamb/Crown Him With Many Crowns"*
Arr: Darlene Zschech

Reading of the Word

Gospel *Mark 1:9-13*

Hymn *"Baptized in Water"* #2248

Message *"Beloved and Beangeled"* *Bishop Peter Weaver*

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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

“Give Thanks”

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Sending Forth

L: The time is fulfilled; God’s reign is now. Hear and believe the good news Christ offers.

P: *We are children of God, beloved and blessed. We are a covenant community with a mission.*

L: Be open to all God wants to teach you this week. Seek God’s leading and the Holy Spirit’s guidance every day.

All: *We will live as a people loved by God. We leave here today rejoicing in our baptism, ready to face the coming week!*

Closing Song

“Awesome God”

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~Bringing The Light Into the World~

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