

**Baptism Of The Lord
Laity Sunday
January 10, 2010 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: Hear the choices God sets before us: life and prosperity or death and adversity.

P: *O God, you have searched us and known us. You know our thoughts and every move we make.*

L: Listen to the ordinances of our God; love God and walk in the way God commands.

P: *O God, we will listen for your words. We will seek to walk in the paths you intend.*

L: Happy are those who delight in God's law; blessed are all who meditate on God's word.

All: *Wonderful are your works, O God. We are your creation; we are in your hands.*

Hymn "Water, River, Spirit, Grace" #2253

Opening Prayer

Like a skilled potter, O God, you have shaped each one of us as a unique design. You know us better than we know ourselves. You value us more highly than we can imagine. You weep when we are marred or broken through our own misdeeds or the world's cruelty. We gather now to assemble our prayers for one another and all the world's people in a chorus of devotion. Hear us now, gracious God. Amen.

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church

A Time For The Child In All Of Us

Ingrid Murphy

Offertory "When Jesus Came To Jordan" #252

Doxology #95

Offertory Prayer

Loving God, there is no way we can settle accounts with you. We have no way to repay you for all we have received from your hands. Yet we want to give our best to the work you call us to do through this community of faith. We enter, with renewed commitment and confidence, the costly venture of spreading love through your world. Amen.

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Anthem "The Prayer" arr: Sager & Foster
Solist: Bonnie Mochun & Jay Henry

Reading of the Word

Hebrew Scripture *Isaiah 1:16a. - 20*

Epistle *Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16*

Gospel *Luke 14: 25 -33*

Hymn "Here I Am, Lord" #593

Message *Mr. Bob Marseglia*

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~WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE~

A Time For Prayer

Lee Ducharme

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

Sending Forth

L: God welcomes your partnership in the gospel; accept the cross of Christ and carry it.

P: *We have considered the cost of discipleship. We are willing and eager to pay the price.*

L: God expects to hold first place in our lives. We put everything we have on the line of faithfulness.

P: *We want to be obedient to the law of love. We want to show God’s love in all we do.*

L: We are held in the thoughts of God. We are shaped and reshaped by the potter’s hands.

All: *We are finding new patterns of faithfulness. We are discovering new reasons for joy.*

Closing Song *“Spirit Song”* **#347**

~Bringing The Light Into the World~

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