

**Third Sunday After Epiphany
January 24, 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: Let the ears of all people be attentive; the heavens are telling the glory of God.

Left: *Everything around us proclaims God's handiwork. Let us bow down and worship our creator!*

L: Day and night, God is at work among us. We are drawn together into one body, the church.

Right: *As we commune with God, we know we need one another. Let us honor the good to be found in all people.*

L: Hear once again the laws and commandments. Find them sure and right and true for all.

All: *We weep and mourn our lack of faithfulness. We seek true community in which all are honored.*

Hymn *Gather Us In* #2236

Opening Prayer

On this holy day, we come together to make sense of our lives. We look to your Word, O God, as a source of understanding. Revive our souls that our hearts may rejoice in your presence. Cleanse and enlighten us with your truth. Liberate us from self-imposed limitations. May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church

A Time For The Child In All Of Us

Ingrid Murphy

Offertory *"More Love, More Power"*

Doxology #95

Offertory Prayer

In the spirit of Christ, we give our best for the world. Your rule among us, O God, is more to be desired than riches. Therefore, we share what you have allowed us to use, giving thanks for the joy of helping others and entering into partnership with them. This is only the beginning of our offering, for we dedicate here our varied gifts as apostles, prophets, teachers, healers, helpers, administrators, speakers, workers. In all we do, we will seek to serve you by sharing your love. Amen.

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Anthem *"That's Why We Praise Him"*

Reading of the Word

Epistle *1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a*

Gospel *Luke 4:14-21*

Hymn *"My Life Is In You, Lord"* #2032

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 *“Praise The Name of Jesus”* **#2066**

Sending Forth

L: May the words of our mouths proclaim God’s love. May the meditations of our hearts be pleasing to God.

P: *We go forth as praying, witnessing people. We greet this week with high anticipation.*

L: The Spirit of God accompanies us on our journey. We are anointed with the sharing of good news.

P: *Our words and deeds will bring people comfort. What we do and say will change the world.*

L: The joy of God is our strength. The law of God revives us and makes us wise.

All: *In purity of heart, we seek to serve. In quiet confidence, we dare to change and grow. Amen.*

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

~Bringing The Light Into the World~

The flowers on the altar today are in honor of Caroline Sherry for her first birthday given in love by her parents and big brother, Baron.

*The Call To Worship, Opening Prayer, Offertory Prayer
and Sending Forth
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