

Fifth Sunday After The Epiphany

February 7, 2010 10:00 a.m.

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Our mission is to change people's 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: Holy, holy, holy is the God of hosts:
the whole earth is full of God's glory.

Men: *Our hearts are filled with thanks, O God.
We bring before you our songs of praise.*

L: All rulers of the people are called to praise God.
All people of the earth are subject to God's rule.

Women: *God reaches out to comfort and cleanse.
We can sense God's hand of blessing resting on us.*

L: Let the thresholds shake with the power of God's voice.
Let the people tremble before God's glory.

All: *God's purposes endure and will be fulfilled.
Our lives can be channels for God's grace.*

Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" # 64

Opening Prayer

You call, O God, and we answer. You come close, we are enfolded in love. You go deep, we are caught by the surprise of your grace. Though we face many troubles, you shelter us in your steady love. You are the keeper of promises and your steadfast love endures forever. Be mindful of us, the works of your hands; enfold us in your love always. Amen.

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church

Offertory "How Great Is Our God" Unknown

Doxology #95

Offertory Prayer

Your voice, O God, we have heard. Your presence has moved us to respond. Send us where you want us to go. Use the resources we dedicate here to empower others to witness to your love and care. Fill our lives with thanksgiving. Fill our days with purpose. We rededicate ourselves to the work and worship that expresses our profound gratitude for life and all its opportunities. Amen.

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Reading of the Word

Hebrew Scripture *Isaiah 6: 1-13*

Gospel *Luke 5: 1-11*

Anthem "Salvation Garden" Charlie Ewers

Message Rev. Michele Ewers

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~WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE~

Celebration of the Sacrament

Invitation

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Prayer of Confession

In the midst of our business as usual, you come close; you draw us in and invite us to go deep. You assure us that, in the deep places, we will find new life in abundance. You ask us to trust and to take risks – to cast ourselves fully into the depths of community where we will find our true selves and be empowered to serve. We hear your invitation but we do not always respond in faith. Because of fear, habit, and closed hearts, we hold back and do not follow your lead. When we recognize how we have fallen short, we can be tempted to run away. What you offer is exactly what we need, yet we often reject your love with negative self-talk and resistance. Search for us again, O Love of our hearts, and may we be mindful of who we are in your love so we can become all you have created us to be.

(Pause for Silent Reflection.)

Words of assurance

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Sending Forth the Home Communion Bearers

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~WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD~

Hymn *"He Is Exalted"* **#2070**

Sending Forth

L: God provides abundantly. We will live without fear.

P: *God has filled our nets to bursting. We will live in joyful gratitude.*

L: God has a great purpose for us all. Let us follow God's lead.

All: *Let us trust God who has been ever steadfast. We will be bold and answer God's call. Amen.*

Closing Song *"All Hail King Jesus"* **#2069**

~Bringing The Light Into the World~

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Other Lectionary readings for February 7th are:

Psalm 138

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11