

**First Sunday In Lent
February 21, 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: Sisters and brothers, Lenten pilgrims, together we embark on a wilderness journey.

P: *Pilgrims on a road of awe and wonder.*

L: We journey through places of solitude, questions, reflection.

P: *Pilgrims on a road to self-discovery and learning.*

L: We journey through times of alienation, hunger, thirst.

P: *Pilgrims on a road to oasis and refreshment.*

L: We journey through struggles born of circumstance or choice.

P: *Pilgrims on the road to acceptance and healing.*

L: We journey through the hills and valleys of faithful living.

P: *Pilgrims on a road to compassion and liberation.*

L: We make this journey together – side-by-side – moving with Christ to the beat of God's heart.

All: *Pilgrims on the road to risen life.*

Hymn "Come Away With Me" #2202

Opening Prayer

God of history, whose Word is alive in us, write your truth into our lives. Work your signs and wonders in our midst. Show us your salvation. Be present in our troubles and in our triumphs. Lead us away from bondage to things that do not matter. Show us the better land you intend for us, where barriers no longer divide and true community is born. Amen.

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church

A Time For The Child In All Of Us

Stewardship Moment

Dean Fortin

Offertory "Did You Think To Pray This Morning?" Charlie Pride

Doxology #95

Offertory Prayer

From the abundance entrusted to us, we offer up the best we can give. Guide our use of this sacred trust, that it may be spent in ways you chose, in places where you would send us, for the sake of people among whom you wish to dwell. May we bear witness to your abiding love, not only with our treasures, but with dedicated lives. Allow us to be instruments of assurance and compassion in our homes and wherever our journeys lead. Amen.

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Anthem "Many Rivers to Cross/River Jordan/Amen" Traditional

Reading of the Word

Psalter *Psalms 91* #810

Gospel *Luke 4: 1-13*

Hymn "I Love To Tell the Story" #156

Message *Rev. Michele Ewers*

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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 “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot” **#703**

Sending Forth

L: Go where God sends you, and follow in the paths where Christ leads.

P: *God guards us all along life’s way and keeps us from evil.*

L: God delivers those who love their Creator and is a present help in all times of trouble.

P: *God rescues us and honors us when we call; God satisfies us with grace and eternal life.*

L: Rejoice in the goodness of God, and share your joy with all whom you meet.

All: *May our words truly reflect our faith and our actions match our convictions. Amen.*

Closing Song “I Saw The Light” **Insert**

~Bringing The Light Into the World~

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Other Lectionary Readings for Today:

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

Romans 10: 8b - 13