

**Second Sunday In Lent
February 28, 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: Put away your hesitation to come before God; quiet your fears and anxieties, for God welcomes us.

P: *God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?*

L: Look to the heavens for inspiration and assurance; look around you, for God's presence is everywhere.

P: *God is the stronghold of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?*

L: Let us watch and wait with our Creator; let us trust in the one who gives life and hope.

All: *Teach us your ways, O God, and lead us on a level path.*

Hymn "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought" #128

Opening Prayer

In this place, our hearts take courage. Your goodness is all around us. The trials and cares of life are stilled before you. Show us your face, O God; let your love be known to us. We need this hour to remember who we are, to let you gather us under your wings. We need this time to feel close to one another, to recognize ourselves as brothers and sisters. We need reminders of the humanity and glory of Jesus Christ that empowers our discipleship. Hear our cries and help us. Amen.

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church

A Time For The Child In All Of Us *Ingrid Murphy*

Offertory "Abba Father"

Doxology #95

Offertory Prayer

In the confidence that you will multiply our best efforts, we bring our offerings for the work of your church in the world. Holy God, it is a joy to present our sacrifices, for we are as blessed in our giving as we have been in receiving abundant goodness from your hand. Keep us from seeking to build permanent structures that might block spontaneous responses to your love. Amen.

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Anthem "In The Garden" *soloist, Grace Burns*

Reading of the Word

Hebrew Scripture *Psalm 27*

Epistle *Philippians 3: 17-4:1*

Gospel *Luke 13: 31-35*

Hymn "God Will Take Care Of You" #130

Message "Co-incidence or God-incidence" *Rev. Thomas McKeown*

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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 *“O Lord, You’re Beautiful”* **#2064**

Sending Forth

L: Be strong and let your hearts take courage. The God of our salvation has met us here.

P: *Our hearts will not fear, for God is our shelter. Our spirits are confident, for God is our shield.*

L: God’s blessings for each of us outnumber the stars. The commonwealth of heaven is our dwelling place.

P: *We will lift up our heads with shouts of joy. May our witness win others to God’s realm.*

L: Go on your way with Christ as your companion. Seek opportunities for witness and service.

All: *We find our example and inspiration in Jesus. In the valleys of every day, we will show God’s care. Amen.*

Closing Song *“He Has Made Me Glad”* **#2270**

~Bringing The Light Into the World~

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