

Fifth Sunday In Lent
March 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: God's spirit is moving among us; give thanks!
Our God is about to do a new thing in our midst.

P: *How good it is to be chosen by God;
we gather to sing our praises and thanks.*

L: God has done great things for us; we are glad!
Now God is pointing us toward new goals.

P: *We are waiting to hear what God would have us do;
we are ready to risk new behaviors to be faithful.*

L: Into the wilderness of our lives comes living water.
Into the sorrow of our days comes reason for joy.

All: *Forgetting what lies behind, we greet our future;
we press on, responding to the upward call of Christ.*

Hymn "Take My Life and Let It Be" #399

Opening Prayer

Powerful God, we give thanks that you have called us to be your people. In our times of gloom, you have sent your light. When we are weary and discouraged, you lift us up. In our thirst for meaning and purpose, you bring us to living water in Jesus Christ. Set before us now the joy of discovery and a vision of future possibilities. Unite us in friendship with one another, with Christ as our center and inspiration. Amen.

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church

A Time for the Child in All of Us "This Is The Day"
Sung by the Sunday School Children

Offertory "Of My Hands" *Unknown*

Doxology #95

Offertory Prayer

Glorious God, we are glad for all the good things you have done for us. We count everything as loss before the surpassing value of knowing Jesus Christ. Receive our costly offerings and our best efforts, here dedicated for your use. May Christ be proclaimed and the poor be saved from the terrors of suffering and neglect. Fill the hearts of all your children with laughter and joy. To that end, bless our offerings. Amen.

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Anthem "Go Down Moses"
Trio: Mark Gentry, Jay Henry, Brian Murphy

Reading of the Word

Epistle *Philippians 3: 4b-14*

Gospel *John 12: 1-8*

Hymn "Cry of My Heart" #2165

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 *“Joy Comes With the Dawn”* **#2210**

Sending Forth

- L:** The spirit of God sends us forth, a thankful people;
 God goes with us, accomplishing new things among us.
- P:** ***We are God's chosen people, appointed for service.
 May our lives proclaim our thanks and praise.***
- L:** The great things God has done for us inspire our work.
 We stretch and strive to reach new goals.
- P:** ***Day by day, we will listen for a new word from God;
 hour by hour, we will dare to be faithful to God's call.***
- L:** God will feed our hunger and quench our thirst
 And will comfort us in our need and uplift us.
- All:** ***God's praise will continually be on our lips.
 We will embrace God's future as we seek to follow Christ.
 Amen.***

Closing Song *“How Majestic Is Your Name”* **#2023**

~Bringing The Light Into the World~

*Call To Worship, Offertory Prayer, Opening Prayer and Sending Forth
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Other Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 43:15-21

Psalm 126