

Second Sunday Of Easter

April 11, 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

Inspired by Psalm 118:14-20, 24

L: God's rainbow arches over us; we fear nothing anymore. For what can conquer God?

P: *Before the beginning, and after the end, God is, and God will be. Everything works together for God's goals.*

L: If God is with us, nothing we do is wasted; like sunbeams dancing on a lake, even our weakest efforts will gather into the glory of God.

P: *Gales may buffet, and storm clouds may shadow, but God will never give up on us. We will arise and go now; we will sink into God's watery womb, and rise again into a new life.*

L: A new day has dawned. This is the day God gave us – we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Hymn

"This Is The Day"

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Opening Prayer

We are your witnesses, O God, that, in you, suffering and death do not have the final word. Praise be to you, for the dawning of this new day; a day when gentleness rules over might, Spirit makes a way for true community, and love always wins. This is the day you have given us we will rejoice and be glad in it. Amen.

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church

Offertory

Doxology

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Offertory Prayer

For the breath of life, for the eyes to see, for insight to believe, for courage to witness, we give thanks, gracious God. The signs of your presence are everywhere. Your glory and dominion are forever and ever. May this offering witness to your grace and peace. Grant your Spirit as a transforming power among us that inspires and enables our service. Amen.

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Reading of the Word

Psalter

Psalm 118: 14-29

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Gospel

John 20: 19-31

Anthem *"Worthy Is The Lamb/Crown Him With Many Crowns"*

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

Spirit who is in all and through all, you are the warm breath of God that enlivens the face of the earth and all who make a home upon it. In you, we know the joy of resurrection. Through you, we are shaped into a living testimony. But, at times, we do not make resurrection witness a priority. When we invest ourselves in ministries that serve our own needs and our own comforts, help us to rise with you, O Spirit, and be a living testimony of your way. When we allow the structures and politics of the church to stand in the way of your freedom, help us to rise with you, O Spirit, and be a living testimony of your way. When we stifle the voices of prophets and discourage movements for necessary change, help us to rise with you, O Spirit, and be a living testimony of your way. Remind us of the wonderful mysteries of life, O Spirit, and renew our joy within it so we will be your people with enthusiasm.

(Pause for Silent Reflection.)

Words of Assurance

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread & Cup

“Alleluia, Alleluia”

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~WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD~

Hymn

“He Is Lord”

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Sending Forth

L: Go in the strength God provides.

Praise God's mighty deeds by the way you live.

P: *In loving obedience, we will witness to our faith.*

We will give thanks each day for God's goodness.

L: The steadfast love of God goes with us everywhere.

The Holy Spirit empowers our worship service.

P: *God is our strength and might.*

God answers our prayers with salvation.

L: Grace to you and peace from the one who is, and who was,
and who is to come.

All: *This day is a precious gift from God.*

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Closing Song

“I Will Celebrate”

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~Bringing The Light Into the World~

*Offertory Prayer and Sending Forth
are taken from Gathered by Love by Lavon Bayler
Call to Worship, Opening Prayer, and Prayer of Confession
are from Seasons of the Spirit.*

Other Lectionary readings for April 11th are:

Psalm 150

Revelations 1:4-8