

**Fourth Sunday of Easter  
April 25, 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:** By the power of God's Spirit we rise and embrace this day.  
The Spirit will touch our places of brokenness and we will be  
healed, our eyes will open to new possibilities.

**P:** *We come to worship the one who makes us whole, the one in  
whose name we serve, the one who gives our work meaning.*

**All:** *Praise be to God.*

**Hymn** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" #474

**Opening Prayer**

Draw us together, Eternal One, from paths of aimless wandering. Lead us today toward the community you intend. Draw the fragments of our lives together into some meaningful whole. Help us deal with present concerns in constructive ways yet point us beyond ourselves to engage with you in larger issues. Help us feel the hunger and thirst of others: then lead your church to make a caring response. Amen.

**This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church**

**A Time for the Child in All of Us**

**Offertory** "Jesus, Lover of my Soul"

**Doxology** #95

**Offertory Prayer**

Make these moments a feast of dedication to your purposes among us, loving God. May we serve you night and day, wherever we are, in all that we do. Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.

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**~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~**

**Anthem** "I Look Upon The Cross" Charlie Ewers

**Reading of the Word**

**Gospel** John 10:22-30  
**New Testament** Revelation 7: 9-17

**Hymn** "Holy Ground" #2272

**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**                      *“Halle, Halle, Halleluja”*                      **#2026**

**Sending Forth**

**L:**     Jesus said, “My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.” Rise up and go into the world where the Spirit of Christ is already at work, feeding, clothing, caring, tending.

**P:**     *We will go in the name of Jesus to be the Body of Christ in our time and place. Amen. Let it be so.*

**Closing Song**                      *“Bound By Love”*                      **Insert**

**~Bringing The Light Into the World~**

*Call To Worship, and Sending Forth are taken from  
Seasons of the Spirit  
The Opening Prayer, and Offertory Prayer is taken from  
Gathered by Love by Lavon Bayler*

**Other Lectionary Readings:**

*Psalm 23  
Acts 9: 36-43*