

**Fifth Sunday Of Easter
May 2, 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: Imagine...

Left: *a place where all are welcome*

Right: *and everyone hears the sound of their name.*

L: Imagine...

Left: *everyone having enough food and water*

Right: *and a home free of hatred and fear.*

L: Imagine...

Left: *a place where creativity is valued*

Right: *and the spirit is nurtured in love.*

L: Imagine...

Left: *just imagine*

Right: *this is that place.*

Hymn "Help Us Accept Each Other" # 560

Opening Prayer

We praise you, O God, for the gift of creation and the surprise of re-creation. Open our eyes to see new things. Open our minds to think fresh thoughts. Open our communities to welcome new partners. Open our spirits to follow your Spirit. Amen.

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church

Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism pg. 39

Sofie Chunting Hall, child of God and of Beth Snider & Tim Hall.

Julia Kalamkas Clark, child of God and of Tammy Gilpatrick & Bob Clark.

Anthem "When Love Takes You In" Steven Curtis Chapman
Soloist, Danielle Wilson

Offertory "The Gift of Love" #408

Doxology #95

Offertory Prayer

Thank you, Gracious God, for making your home with us and claiming us as your own people. We dedicate ourselves and our gifts towards the new world you are creating among us – a world where peace emerges from mutual respect and honest encounters. May your love be reflected in our attitudes and actions when we are together and when we are scattered. Amen.

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Reading of the Word

New Testament Acts 11: 1-18

Gospel John 13: 31-35

Hymn "Jesus Loves Me" #191

A Time For Prayer Lee Ducharme

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~WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE~

Celebration of the Sacrament

Invitation Pg 12

Prayer of Confession

We admit, holy God, that we find it hard to hear your promise of new life. Even when we are dissatisfied with our lives, it is easier to cling to what we know than to risk the unknown. You challenge us to accept people who are different from us, but we are not eager to associate with them. You command us to love on another, but some people are not loveable. O God, melt our defenses so we can accept your love and let it flow through us. Grant us courage to embrace newness. Amen.

(Pause for Silent Reflection.)

Words of Assurance

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread & Cup

"How Great Thou Art/Take Our Bread"

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~WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD~

Hymn *"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"*
#2223, Vs. 1-2

Sending Forth

L: Go to love others as Christ loves you and to celebrate God's goodness with all of creation.

P: *We go surrounded by God's Spirit.*

L: The former things have gone away; God is making all things new. God dwells among us even now.

All: *We go to help make God's dream come true.*

Closing Song *"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"*
#2223, Vs. 3-4

~Bringing The Light Into the World~

*Altar flowers are given in honor of
Sofie Chunting Hall and Julia Kalamkas Clark
by their parents,
Beth Snider & Tim Hall and Tammy Gilpatrick & Bob Clark.*

*The flowers on the choir loft are given in loving memory of
Susan O. Thompson by Merrill McNelly*