

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Festival of The Christian Home
May 9, 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 "Fugato" *Stamitz*
Danielle Wilson & Bridget Murphy

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Call To Worship

L: The song of God's love spreads abroad in all the earth – to every race and nation.

P: *It dances through barriers of history and prejudice. Let all the peoples praise you!*

L: The song rises among the silenced and rejected, the suffering and the longing ones.

P: *Let all the peoples praise you!*

L: The song can be heard on the road of life waiting to offer hospitality.

P: *Let all the peoples praise you!*

L: The song brings melodies of delight within the Body of Christ here at the Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church!

All: *Let all the peoples praise you! All creation is gathered close to the heart of its Maker.*

Hymn "Happy the Home When God Is There" #445

Opening Prayer

Maker of all things, Ruler of all peoples of the earth, we bring our prayers of thanksgiving and praise. You have provided the water of life for our baptism. You have fed us with the fruits of the earth and nourished us through your Word. Meet us again in the joyous encounter of worship, lest we forget the source of all we have and all we are. Let the people praise you, O God; let all the people praise you! Amen.

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church

A Time for the Child in All of Us

LuAnn Belseth

Offertory "I Love You Lord" #2068

Doxology #95

Offertory Prayer

For the hospitality of the good earth, for the people you have given us to love, for the tasks you have called us to do, we give thanks, gracious God. We dedicate our gifts and ourselves to you. May your reign of light be realized in the places where we live and work and far beyond our personal reach. Amen.

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Anthem "A Mothers Prayer" *Traditional*
Soloist, Grace Burns

Reading of the Word

Gospel *John 14: 23-29* *Randy Belseth*

Hymn "Joy Comes With The Dawn" #2210

Message *Michael Sherry*

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~WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE~

A Time for Prayer

Dean Fortin

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 *“Just A Closer Walk With Thee”* **#2158**

Sending Forth

- L:** Worshippers of God, we are called into the world.
 We cannot stay here; God has work for us to do.
- P:** *God invites us to follow where Jesus leads.
 Our presence is needed in unexpected places.*
- L:** If we love God, we will live by God’s Word.
 If we have met God here, our lives are being changed.
- P:** *God’s Word of love is finding a home in our hearts.
 God’s light is leading us on new ventures of service.*
- L:** The peace of God goes with you, today and always;
 let not your hearts be troubled or afraid.
- All:** *God is blessing us every day; praise God!
 We will carry God’s saving power to all nations. Amen.*

Closing Song *“I’ll Fly Away”* **#2282**

~Bringing The Light Into the World~

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Other Lectionary Readings:

*Psalm 67
Acts 16: 9-15
Revelation 21: 1-10, 22-22:5*