

**Seventh Sunday of Easter
Ascension Sunday
May 16, 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: O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name.

P: *Make known God's deeds among the peoples:*

L: Sing to God, sing praises to God's name.

P: *Tell of all God's wonderful works!*

Hymn "Come Holy Spirit" #2125

Opening Prayer

To meditate upon your law, O God, is to learn of your love and know of your righteousness. You are a God of tender mercy, whose benevolent care protects your children and all creation. We gather to worship you as creatures of righteousness, made whole by the redeeming love of Jesus Christ. Open our hearts to sing of your goodness, our minds to explore your wisdom, and our lips to give you praise. Amen.

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church

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

Offertory "Shout To The Lord" **Insert**

Doxology #95

Offertory Prayer

For the life you have offered, for the vision you have granted, for the ministry of Jesus Christ that empowers our witness, we give thanks. May these offerings of gratitude extend the positive influence of Christ's church into parts of the world that have not experienced the good news. By the act of giving, may our own commitment be deepened. Amen.

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Anthem "Above All" *Baloché/Leblank*

Reading of the Word

Psalter *Psalms 42* #777

New Testament *Acts 16: 16-25*

Gospel *John 14: 1-4, 15-21*

Hymn "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" #474

Message *God's Songs for Stormy Nights* *Rev. Tom McKeown*

Hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" #526

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~WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE~

A Time for Prayer *Kim Nadreau*

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 *“Lord I Lift Your Name On High”* **#2088**

Sending Forth

- L:** Christ is alive; share the good news.
 Revelation and wisdom are given to us; pass on the gifts.
- P:** *We are witnesses to the difference Christ makes.*
 Daily life is changed; the earth is a better place.
- L:** Let your joy be spontaneous and genuine.
 Clap your hands and shout your praise.
- P:** *We will bless God together in the temple.*
 We will let our daily lives preach Christ’s name.
- L:** We will receive power from the Holy Spirit.
 The eyes of our hearts will be enlightened by hope.
- All:** *We will not shrink from God’s empowering spirit.*
 We will carry Christ’s inclusiveness to all people.
 Amen.

Closing Song *“Let Your Spirit Rise/I Will Arise”* **Insert**

~Bringing The Light Into the World~