

**Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
Celebration of Creation
Church Picnic ~ West Hill Dam Park
June 27, 2010 10:30 a.m.**

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*Our mission is to change people's lives
through a relationship with Jesus Christ.*

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~Gathering~

Greeting of Peace

Gathering Song *"Morning Has Broken"*

Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi for All Created Things

From the United Methodist Book of Worship

- L:** O most high, omnipotent, good Lord, to you belong praise, glory, honor, and all blessing.
- P:** *For our brother the sun, who is our day and who brings us light, who is fair, and radiant with a very great splendor;*
- L:** For our sister the moon, and for the stars, which you have set clear and lovely in heaven;
- P:** *For our brother the wind, and for the clouds, calms and all weather;*
- L:** For our sister water, who serves us and is humble and precious and chaste;
- P:** *For our brother fire, by whom you light up the night, and who is fair and merry, and very mighty and strong;*
- L:** For our mother the earth, who sustains us and keeps us, and brings forth various fruits, and flowers of many colors, and grass;
- P:** *For all those who pardon one another for your loves sake, and who bear witness and tribulation;*
- L:** Blessed are they who peaceably shall endure, walking by your most holy will; for you, O Most High, shall give them a crown.
- All:** *Praise and bless the Lord, and give thanks to God, and serve God with great humility. Amen.*

Hymn *"How Great Thou Art"*

Prayer of Confession

Loving Creator, we come to you in awe of the works of your hand. The roaring thunder and the crashing seas remind us of our need for humility. Like Adam and Eve, in our desire to taste the good life, we overstep the boundaries you have placed on your creation. We are sorry. Teach us to be humble, Lord. Focus our minds on your work: to till and keep the Creation, helping it to flourish and sustain life.

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

God's rainbow set in the clouds is a sign of God's everlasting covenant with all of creation. As children of God, we are forgiven, through Jesus Christ. Amen

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church

~Listening To The Word~

Hebrew Scriptures "Partners" *Based on Genesis 1*
Story written by Marc Gellman
Psalm 8

Hymn *"All Things Bright and Beautiful"*

A Time For The Child In All Of Us *Ingrid Murphy*

~Response To The Word~

Offertory *"Kum Ba Yah, My Lord"*

Offertory Prayer

For the land you have given us, for the rich abundance that surrounds us, for all who lead us toward the life you intend for us, we give thanks. In our giving, keep us from too easy satisfaction with what we have already accomplished. Set our minds on the possibilities before us, that we may live as citizens of heaven while coping with the controversies of our times. Bless and use these offerings of ourselves and our gifts. Amen.

Hymn *"Jesus Loves Me"*

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.

~Going Forth~

Hymn

“O How I Love Jesus”

Commission

L: The whole Creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God. Go forth and be the children of God for this world: the tillers, the keepers, the peacemakers and the hope-bringers.

All: *We will go forth and care for creation as a humble response to God's love. Amen.*

Closing Song

“Halle, Halle, Halleluja”