

**Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
August 15, 2010 10:00 a.m.**

**Blackstone Valley
United Methodist Church**

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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

Opening Song “*Come, Now Is The Time to Worship*”

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Lighting of the Altar Candles

Call To Worship

L: Return, beloved of God, to the fold. God welcomes you to this hour of prayer.

P: *God calls us by name and awaits our coming. God summons us out of hiding.*

L: God is like a shepherd, caring for her flocks. God is like a gardener, carefully tending his vines.

P: *Surely God has provided richly for us. Our lives are sustained by God's gifts.*

L: Worship the one who longs for our coming. Sing praises to the one who expects our faithfulness.

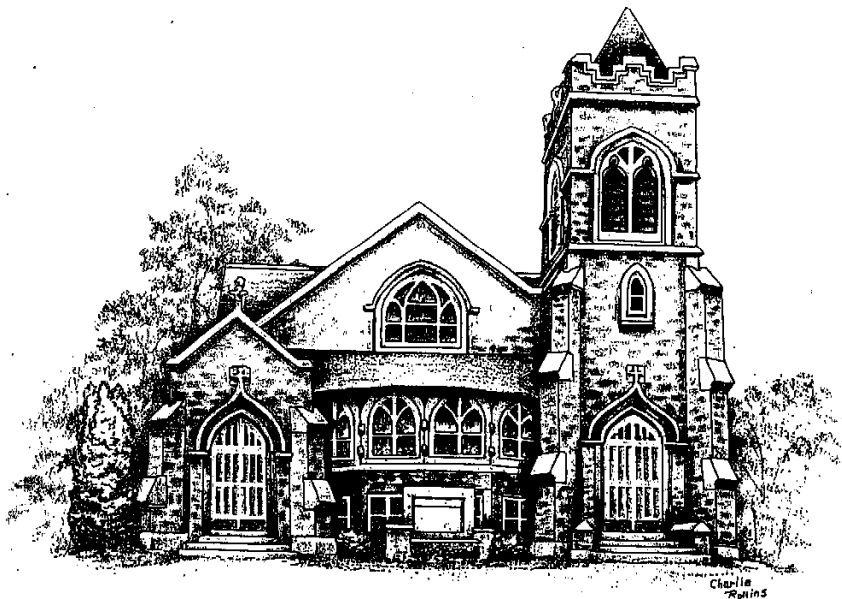
ALL: *We call on God, who gives us life. May God's face shine on us to save us.*

Hymn “*They'll Know we are Christians by our love*” **#2223**

Opening Prayer

Surrounded by a rich heritage of faith, we seek to know you, God, in this time of worship. Thankful for our spiritual ancestors, we return to our roots to find our true identity. We lay aside all that weighs us down and fills us with doubts so we can give attention to your call and your message. Meet us here, we pray. Amen.

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church



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A Time for the Child in All of Us

Offertory "Freely, Freely" #389
Doxology #95

Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, whose creative energy has filled all heaven and earth with good things for us to enjoy and share, we would honor you with our offerings. May the programs we initiate and the outreach we support bear fruits of justice and peace. We look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, as our model in facing all circumstances and giving ourselves for others. Amen.

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

(Children may be dismissed for Summer Sunday School)

Anthem "Go Light your World" arr: Kathy Traccolli
soloist Bonnie Mochun

Reading of the Word

Epistle Hebrews 12: 1-13
Gospel Luke 12: 49-56

Hymn "God is Here Today" #2049

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 "Isn't He" **Insert**

Sending Forth

L: God has planted and nurtured a splendid vineyard. We are vines, expected to bear good fruit.
P: *No longer will we be choked out by thorns and briars. Deceit and lies will not overcome us.*
L: God's Word is more powerful than fire or earthquake. It is given to shake us from our complacency.
P: *We are aware of the weak and needy among us. We are determined to work for justice.*
L: Let the one who knows God's Word speak faithfully. May all who have heard the Word make response.
All: *God will restore us in time of difficulty. God will perfect and equip us for our service. Amen.*

Closing Song "Shout to the North" **Insert**

~Bringing The Light Into the World~

Call To Worship, Opening Prayer, and Sending Forth are taken from Gathered by Love by Lavon Bayler

Other Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:1-2,8-19