

**Thanksgiving Sunday
November 21, 2010 10:00 AM**

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**Blackstone Valley
United Methodist Church**

*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 *"Let All Things Now Living"* **#2008**

Lighting of the Altar Candle

Call to Worship

L: Praise and thanksgiving are due to God this day; let us glorify our God together.

P: **The year is crowned with God's bounty; we have received abundance to be shared.**

L: Surely God is touching and healing us; give thanks that we are called to God's service.

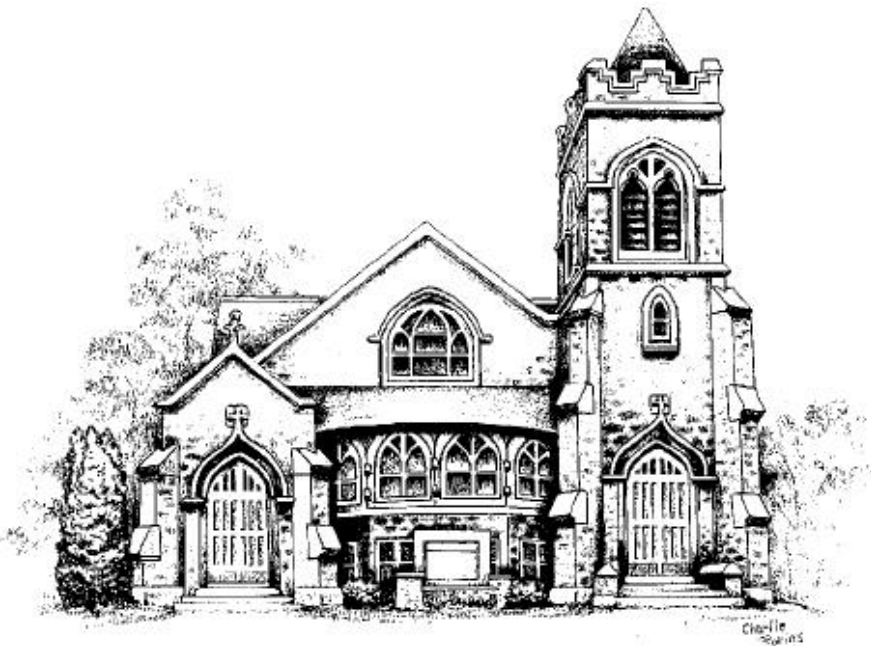
All: **God will direct us in new ways of living; God will confirm in us our covenant in Christ.**

Hymn *"Thank You Jesus"* **#2081**

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, who supplies us with every blessing in abundance, lift up our hearts in gratitude and thanksgiving. Open us to remember the gifts we seldom notice, the bounty we take for granted, the rich possibilities you provide. For bread without scarcity, for water that is pure, for houses to live in and friends to enjoy, we give you humble thanks. For beauty and bounty, for healing and hope, for the gospel of Christ, we lift our voices in joyful praise. Dwell with us now. Amen.

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church



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A Time for the Child in All of Us *Ingrid Murphy*
(Children may be dismissed for Sunday School)

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Offertory "Give Thanks" #2036

Doxology #95

Offertory Prayer

For food and water, for all the blessings of the land you have given us, for family and friends who enrich our lives, our hearts overflow with thanksgiving to you, O God. We have been sheltered and educated and empowered by your generosity. In Jesus Christ, we have been shown a way to the wholeness you intend for us. Receive these offerings as a joyous expression of our gratitude. Amen.

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Anthem "Jesus, You Are" *by Rita Baloché*
Duet by Dixi Talke and Brian Murphy

Reading of the Word

Epistle 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15
Gospel Luke 17: 11-19

Hymn "Isn't He" **Insert**

Message *Rev. Michele Ewers*

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~WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE~

A Time for Prayer *Bob Marseglia*

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

~WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD~

Hymn "We Are God's People" #2220

Sending Forth

L: Go on your way, traveling by God's way. Your trust in God is making you whole.

P: **We have been cleansed and healed by God's mercy. In Christ, our broken lives are restored to wholeness.**

L: Be generous with others as God is generous with you. Share your abundant blessings with all in need.

P: **Giving for others is a profound joy and privilege. We will seek ways to honor those whom we help.**

L: Share the gospel through your ministry of thanksgiving. Sustain your fellow saints with gifts and prayers.

All: **We live in covenant with God and one another. May God be praised in our works and in our prayers. Amen.**

Closing Song "He Has Made Me Glad" #2270

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~BRINGING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD~

Call to Worship, Opening Prayer from: *Fresh Winds of the Spirit* by Lavon Bayler

Offertory Prayer and Sending Forth are from: *Taught by Love* by Lavon Bayler

Other Lectionary Readings

Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Luke 1: 68-79

Colossians 1: 11-20

Luke 23: 33-43