

Blackstone Valley
United Methodist Church

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
January 2, 2010 10:00AM

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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 *"All Hail King Jesus"* **#2069**

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Call to Worship

L: Shining star, lead us on:
P: *We seek the way of peace.*
L: Spirit of hope, lead us on:
P: *We seek the way of joy.*
L: Bethlehem's cradle, lead us on:
P: *That our hearts may hold the way of love.*

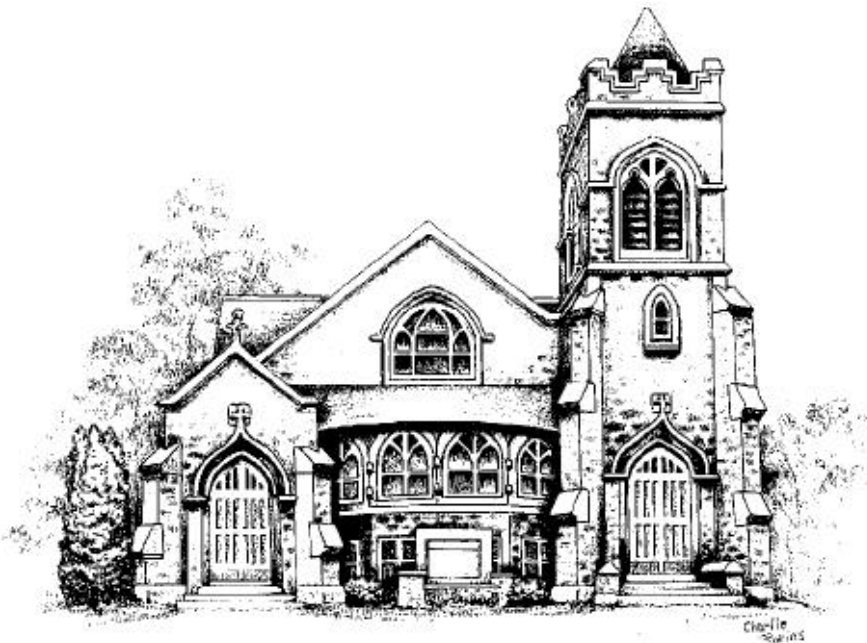
Hymn *"We Three Kings"* **#254**

Opening Prayer

Interrupt our lives, O God, with stars we cannot refuse to see. Set before us today those life-changing possibilities, which will send us on better paths than we have ever known. Go with us as we explore the mysteries of Christ. Fill us with awe and wonder, with joy and confidence, with generosity and praise. Reveal to us in new ways the promises of the gospel, so that we may be bold enough to proclaim the good news by the way we live. Amen.

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church
(Children are dismissed for Sunday School)

Offertory *"Carol of Epiphany"* **#2094**



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Doxology

#95

Offertory Prayer

Generous God, we have had many gifts placed into our hands. Receive the gifts we offer this morning as a sign of our gratitude and our willingness to share. Amen

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Anthem

"Mary Did You Know"

Reading of the Word

Gospel

Matthew 2: 1-12

Message

Rev. Michele Ewers

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~WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE~

Celebration of the Sacrament

Invitation

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Prayer of Confession

God of all people, we cry out to you from the prisons of our own self concern. We have sought to create you in our own image, to serve people like us. We shrink from your righteousness and justice. We participate in acts of oppression and violence, sometimes actively, often through neglect. Forgive us, we pray, and lead us out of the shadows. Help us to hear your prophets, to see the signs of your activity among us, to feel the pain of brothers and sisters who need our compassion, not judgment. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of assurance

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread & Cup

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~WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD~

Hymn

"Go Tell It on the Mountains"

#251

Sending Forth

L: Where are the shadowed places, needing light?
Who needs the good news you have found here?
P: ***God will brighten our homes, our work, our play.
When the Gospel rules, our shadows disappear.***
L: What joys have you discovered to share with others?
When will you present the gifts you have to offer?
All: ***It is a joy to be alive and to worship God.
In Christ we will find ways to use our gifts! Amen.***

Closing Song

"This Little Light of Mine"

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~Bringing the Light Into the World~

Call To Worship, and Offertory Prayer: from *Seasons of the Spirit*
Opening Prayer, Prayer of Confession and Sending Forth:
from *Fresh Winds of the Spirit* by Lavon Bayler