

**Baptism Of The Lord**  
**January 9, 2011 10:00AM**

**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**

**Lighting of the Altar Candle**

**Opening Song**

*"Praise the Name of Jesus"*

**#2066**

**Call to Worship**

L: We are called to this place to find a new way: a way of grace,  
hope, faith, life.

P: *God calls and we come.*

L: Come, and let go of that which is worn out: worn out habits,  
worn out dogmas, worn out resentments, worn out burdens.

P: *God calls and we come.*

L: This time is blessed and made sacred by Spirit who heals us,  
reconnects us, redirects us, empowers us.

P: *God blesses and we praise.*

L: Come, and receive blessing, freedom, forgiveness, love.

P: *God blesses and we praise.*

**Hymn**

*"Baptized in Water"*

**#2248**

**Opening Prayer**

God of the covenant, we bow in humble gratitude that you have called us to be your servants. We have come to receive the light you promise and to equip ourselves to carry your salvation to the ends of the earth. Baptize us anew with your Spirit as we seek to realize and live out the community you intend

**This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church**

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

*Ingrid Murphy*



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(Children may be dismissed for Sunday school)

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**Offertory** "Spirit of the Living God" #393

**~WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD~**

**Doxology** #95

**Hymn** "I Was There To Hear Your Borne Cry" #2051

**Offertory Prayer**

Gracious God, we have signed on to be your people, so we bring gifts that represent our best, that you might bless them and multiply their effectiveness among us and in global ministries in Christ's name. We thank you for times of renewal and blessing, which equip us to give ourselves more fully in the tasks you set before us. Amen.

**Sending Forth**

L: The anointing of baptism is fresh upon us and the Spirit's voice rings in our ears: You are my beloved community and I am pleased with you.

All: **Let us go in the assurance of God's love and travel courageously into the unfolding possibilities within and around us. Amen.**

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**~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~**

**Closing Song** "Spirit Song" #347

**Anthem** "Be Unto Your Name" arr: DeShazo/Sadler

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**Reading of the Word**

**Hebrew Scripture** Isaiah 42: 1-9

**Gospel** Matthew 3: 13-17

**Bringing the Light Into the World**

**Hymn** "Water, River, Spirit, Grace" #2253

**Message** Rev. Michele Ewers

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**~WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE~**

**A Time for Prayer** Dean Fortin

Call to Worship, Sending Forth:  
from *Seasons of the Spirit*

Opening Prayer, Offertory Prayer:  
from *Fresh Winds of the Spirit* by Lavon Bayler

Other Lectionary Readings:

Psalm 29

Acts 10:34-43

**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.*