

Blackstone Valley
United Methodist Church

Fifth Sunday After The Epiphany
February 6, 2011 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 *"This Little Light of Mine"* **#585**

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Call to Worship

L: Come, people beloved of God; people of great worth and beauty!

P: *We will come, bearing our gifts of grace and goodness.*

L: Come, bearing symbols of your life's richness and hope.

All; *God welcomes our generous offerings of gratitude and praise.*

Hymn *"Something Beautiful"* **#394**

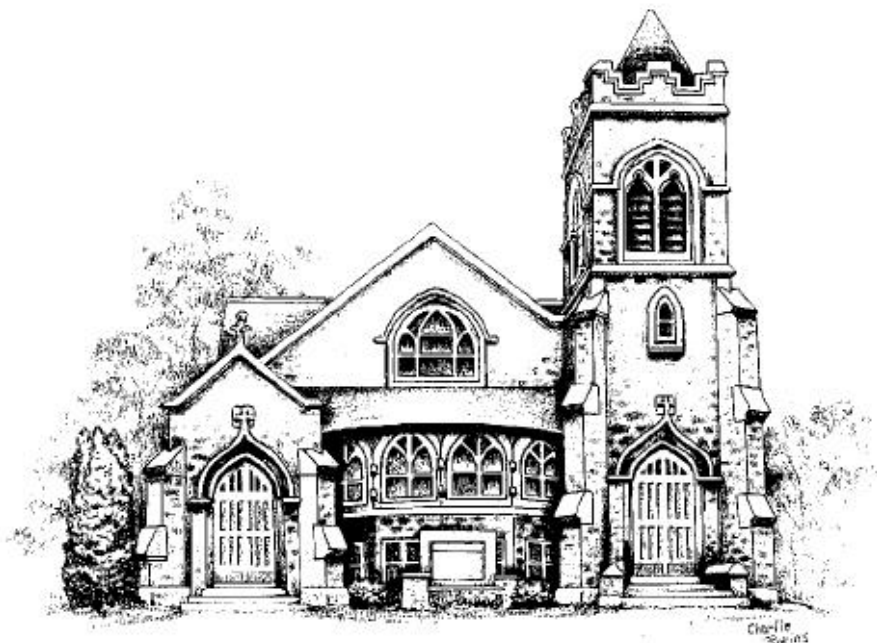
Opening Prayer

Draw us, O God, into your secret and hidden wisdom that we may glimpse your purposes for us. Calm our fears, and lead us to deeper trust. Steady our hearts that we may not fear to undertake what ever mission you have for us today. Grant us such compassion that we may open our hearts and hands to others who need help we can provide. Amen.

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church

(Children are dismissed for Sunday School)

Offertory *"Woke Up This Morning"* **#2082**



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Doxology

#95

Offertory Prayer

Use our offerings, O God of glory, to break bonds and free the oppressed. We give so that the hungry may be fed, and the homeless find shelter. Along with our money, we give ourselves, trusting in you to empower our witness. We dedicate all that we have and all that we are to your glory. Amen.

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD~

Anthem

“Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”

Words by John Newton

Additional Words and Music by Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio

Reading of the Word

Gospel

Matthew 5: 13 - 20

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

Holy One, you who created with the passion and care of all great artists, you have enflamed our lives with the image of your very being. We honestly say this day that too readily and too often we relinquish our faith or mislay our belief. For the times we needlessly punish ourselves and others, not heeding inviting words of grace. For the times we doubt the call to be all we are through expansive, accepting love of Christ. And for the times we hide the treasures we have been given, fearing the crowd’s silence rather than loving the joy of expression. Open us. Heal us. Restore us.

Words of assurance

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

Sharing the Bread & Cup

“Here I Am, Lord”

#593

“We Are Called”

#2172

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~WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD~

Hymn

“Gather Us In”

#2236

Sending Forth

P: As receivers of light, we will gladly bear light to the world. As those gifted with creativity and hope, we will boldly offer love to the world. And as those restored in the image of God, we will creatively share our beauty within the world.

L: Go then in peace, and may the blessing of God our Lover, Christ our Companion and the Spirit our Friend, be with us and lead us, now and into the days ahead. Amen

Closing Song

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

#2173

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Bringing the Light Into the World

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

Other Lectionary readings

Isaiah 58: 1 - 9

Psalms 112: 1 - 10

1 Corinthians 2: 1 - 16