

Blackstone Valley
United Methodist Church



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Eighth Sunday after The Epiphany
February 27, 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

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Opening Song *"Come, Rejoice in God"* **#2017**

Call to Worship

L: Like an infant quieted at its mother's breast, like a child holding
 the hand of a trusted grandparent, we are calm and quiet in the
 Lord's presence.

P: *Like a farmer at the end of a fruitful day, like a kitten purring
 over a bowl of milk, we are calm and quiet in God's presence.*

L: Like the wet stillness after a thunderstorm, like a deep breath
 after a cleansing cry, we are calm and quiet in Love's presence.

All: *Like a community of faith gathered for worship, like the smell
 of a candle lit and burning, we are calm and quiet in our
 Creator's presence. Let us worship.*

Hymn *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"* **#526**

Opening Prayer

Impartial and Loving God, we bow in awe before you. From our varied concerns and competing views, we come seeking our common humanity and the power to become uncommonly faithful. Open our hearts to receive your teaching and our hands to do your work. Keep us from vengeance or grudges as you help us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist

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

Stewardship Moment

Glenn King

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Offertory

“On Eagle's Wing”

#143

~WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD~

Doxology

#95

Hymn

“God Is So Good”

#2056

Offertory Prayer

We rejoice in your generosity, O God. We are amazed at the bounty of your earth. May we be trustworthy stewards who use these gifts where they are most needed in the service of your realm, where enemies join hearts and reach out with willing hands. Amen

Sending Forth

L: We have been illumed by the extraordinary and wise teachings of the Christ.

P: *May we live as Disciples of Christ at work, at home, at school, at play, wherever our days take us. Let us seek the way of rightness, put love first, and may God's presence surround us on all sides. Amen*

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Closing Song

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

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Anthem

“Me and Jesus”

arr: Tom T. Hall

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Reading of the Word

Hebrew Scripture

Isaiah 49: 8-16a

Gospel

Matthew 6: 24-34

Hymn

“He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought”

#128

Bringing the Light into the World

Message

Rev. Michele Ewers

Call to Worship and Sending Forth: From *Seasons of the Spirit*.
Opening Prayer and Offertory Prayer: From *Fresh Winds of the Spirit*
by Lavon Bayler

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~WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE~

A Time for Prayer

Kim Nadreau

Other Lectionary Readings

Psalm 131

1 Corinthians 4: 1-5

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.