

**First Sunday In Lent  
March 13, 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 Candles**

**Opening Song**

*"This is the Day"*

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**Call to Worship**

**L:** The Creator has planted earth's garden for us; God bids us to come and care for it.

**P:** *In our worship and in our work, we join with all creation to celebrate God's gifts.*

**L:** Every morning we rise in God's steadfast love; every evening that love sustains and protects us.

**ALL:** *We are here to receive once more from God's hand, so we can be responsible care-givers each day.*

**Hymn**

*"Because He Lives"*

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**Opening Prayer**

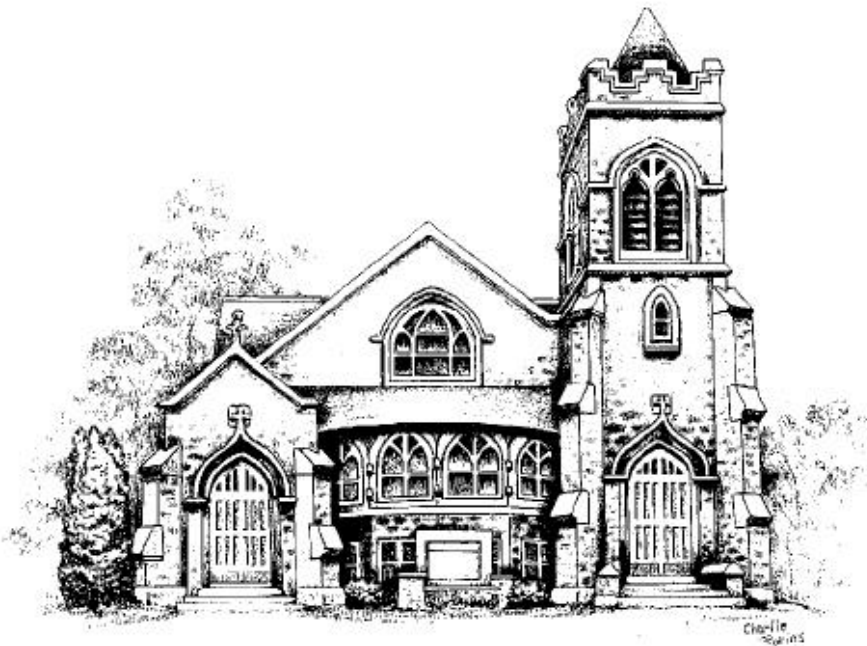
God of love and mercy, we gather today from different places – both of location and life experience. Some of us arrive content, others muddled and fractured, still others somewhere in between. God of love and mercy, at the beginning of this Lenten season, we pray for a willingness to be held in all that we are. We come daring to believe that in your embrace joy and hope arises anew. Amen.

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

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

*Ingrid Murphy*

*(Children may be dismissed for Sunday School)*



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