

Second Sunday in Lent
March 20, 2011 10:00 AM

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Blackstone Valley
United Methodist Church

*Our Mission is to change people's lives
through a relationship with Jesus Christ.*

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~WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE~

Lighting of the Altar Candle

Greeting of Peace

Opening Song

"Gather Us In"

#2236

Call to Worship

L: People of faith, listen for the wind;
children of God, dare to encounter the Spirit

P: *Who will tell us what God wants us to do?
How will we know that what we hear is of God?*

L: Our ancestors in the faith dared to trust God;
they left all to follow a call and a promise.

P: *Where is it that God wants to lead us?
How can we be born anew, born of the spirit?*

All: *We have received the promise of steadfast love;
God has blessed us, and our hearts are glad.*

Hymn

"O How He Loves You and Me"

#2108

Opening Prayer

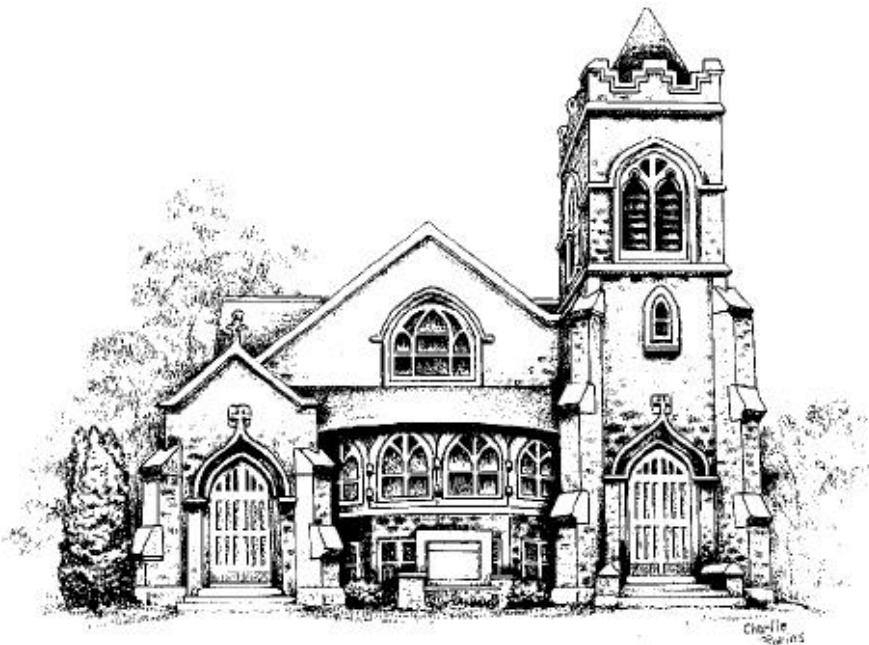
God of all generations, we come seeking truth we have not found in other places. Sometime we are not sure we can find it here. We wonder what friends will think if we are too serious about matters of faith. We want to feel the winds of your Spirit, but we don't want to be blown off our feet. O God of Love, help us to trust you and dare to embrace your promises with confidence and hope. 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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Offertory "Sing Alleluia to the Lord" #2258

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Doxology #95

~WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD~

Offertory Prayer

Because you gave Jesus Christ as a gift to the world, we bring our gifts today. Because you have loved us, God, we renew our commitment to share love with your people. Because you are even now renewing our spirits and bringing us rebirth, we pour out thanksgiving. The gifts we dedicate here have always belonged to you. The wealth we retain for our own use is yours as well. Use all that we have and all that we are to move your world from death to life. Amen.

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Anthem "Amazing Love (You are My King)"
Words and Music by Billy James Foote

Reading of the Word

Hebrew Scripture Genesis 12: 1-4
Psalter Psalm 121 pg. 844, Response 2

Hymn "To God Be the Glory" #98

Message Rev. Michele Ewers

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~WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE~

A Litany For A Time Of Despair **Insert**

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.

Special Offering

Hymn "I Could Sing of Your Love Forever" **Insert**

Sending Forth

L: You are loved toward wholeness;
let that love be good news to all you meet.
P: ***The winds of God have blown among us.
The power of God's Spirit rests upon us.***
L: You are blessed with forgiveness and grace;
pass on gifts you have received.
P: ***We have been born anew in God's love.
Our lives have changed and are changing.***
L: You have inherited God's promises;
let them find fulfillment in and around you.
All: ***We will listen for the voice of God.
We will go to serve where God directs. Amen.***

Closing Song "Freely, Freely" #389

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Bringing the Light into the World

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

Other Lectionary Readings

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3: 1-17