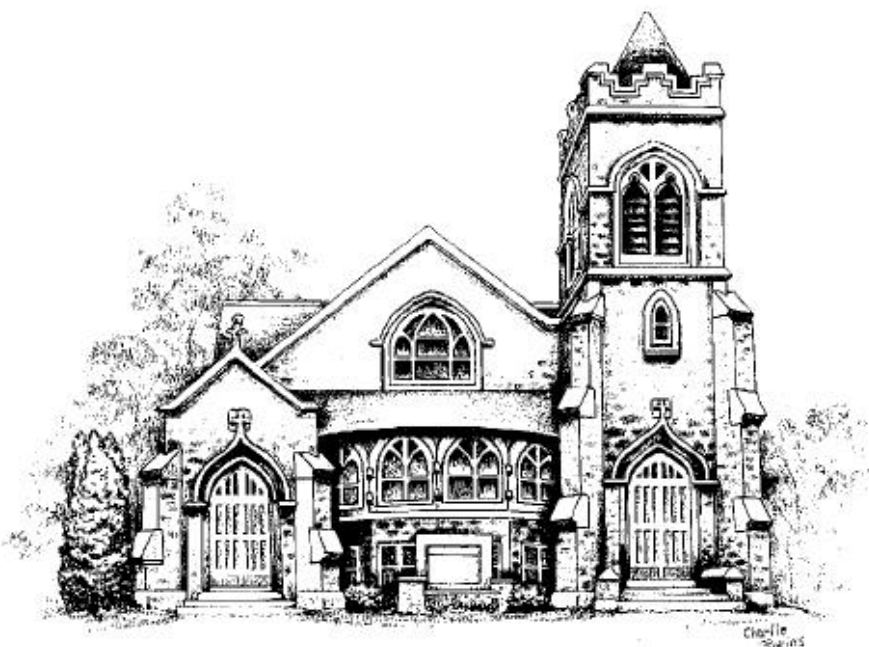


Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church



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Maundy Thursday
April 21, 2011 7:00 PM

Call to Worship

L: We call upon the Holy One, who bends an ear toward all people. We love God, who hears our voices and our cries.
P: *What can we give to God for all the bounty we receive?*
L: We raise a toast to God. Our cup is filled with acts of love.
All: *We have been freed from all that holds us back, O God. We offer you the thanksgiving sacrifice: a community of love.*

Hymn "Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me" #361, vs. 1

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~THE LAST SUPPER~

The Preparation

Mark 14: 12-17

The Confession

Most merciful God,
We your church confess
that often our spirit has not been that of Christ.
Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us,
where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips
and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him.
Forgive us, we pray, and by your Spirit
make us faithful in every time of trial;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Silent Prayer of Confession

The Pardon

L: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
P: *In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.*
All: *Glory to God. Amen.*

The Peace

The Great Thanksgiving

Pg. 13

The Lord's Prayer

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

~THE SERVICE OF TENEBRAE~

Our service of “tenebrae” or “darkness” is based on a twelfth century last night/early morning service and is an extended meditation on the passion of Christ. As we hear the passion narrative, the candles are extinguished and the sanctuary is stripped, as a vivid reminder of the desolation and abandonment of the long night in Gethsemane and what followed.

Scripture Mark 14: 18-19 & Luke 22:23-27

Hymn “*Jesus, Name Above All Names*” #2071

Scripture Mark 14: 26-31

Hymn “*The Old Rugged Cross*” #504, vs. 1

Scripture Mark 14:32-35

Hymn “*The Old Rugged Cross*” #504, vs. 2

Scripture Luke 22: 43-45
Mark 14: 37-41
Luke 22: 47-48

Hymn “*The Old Rugged Cross*” #504, vs. 3

Scripture Luke 22:54-62

Hymn “ *The Old Rugged Cross*” #504, vs. 4

Scripture Luke 23:1-23
Matthew 27:27-30

Hymn “*Were You There*” #288

Tolling of the Bell
“*Jesus Remember Me*”

(Congregation join choir in singing)

Depart In Silence