

Blackstone Valley  
United Methodist Church

Second Sunday of Easter  
May 1, 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**      *"Easter People Raise Your Voices"*      **#304**

**Lighting of the Altar Candles**

**Call to Worship**

L:      We have entered this place in confident expectation.  
Let us be open to the One who greets us here.

P:      *God, who is everywhere, welcomes us here;  
Our hearts are filled with joyous anticipation.*

L:      Let us praise our God, revealed to us in Jesus Christ.  
Glory and honor to the One who's Spirit we receive.

All:    *In Christ, we are born anew to a living hope.  
In the Spirit's blessing, we know true peace.*

**Hymn**      *"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"*      **#2151**

**Opening Prayer**

You are always before us, O God, even in the midst of our trials and struggles. We are tested in the fires of loss and grief. We are swayed by our doubts and fears. Assure us once more that we are not alone, that you do not abandon us. Help us in our time together to focus on the pleasant places where you have led us and on the heritage that is ours. We dwell secure in your caring presence. Amen.

**This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church**  
*(Children are dismissed for Sunday School)*

**Offertory**      *"My Tribute"*      **#99**



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## Doxology

#95

## Offertory Prayer

O God, by whose example giving is a blessed way of life, fill us now with the joy of your love, which is more precious than gold. May we be bold enough to proclaim the glorious good news of salvation, with glad hearts and with deep and genuine trust. Grant us the opportunity, through these gifts and in our daily living, to lead others to a life-affirming faith, in Christ's name. Amen.

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**~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~**

## Anthem

*"It's No Secret"*

*Words and Music by Stuart Hamblen*

*Solo by Glenn Moody*

## Reading of the Word

New Testament

*Acts 2: 14, 22-32*

Gospel

*John 20: 19-31*

## 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

God of Mercy, we find it hard to accept blame for Jesus' death, yet we know in our hearts that we often turn away from our Savior's teaching. We fail to live as resurrection people, finding joy in each day. We pursue proofs as skeptics rather than affirming the values Christ proclaimed. Forgive our indifference and our narrow views of faithfulness. Lead us to the fullness of joy that you intend for all your children. Amen.

*(Silent Confession)*

## Words of Assurance

## The Great Thanksgiving

## The Lord's Prayer

## Sharing the Bread & Cup

*"Come to the Table of Grace"*

#3168

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**~WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD~**

## Hymn

*"Alleluia, Alleluia"*

#162

## Sending Forth

L: Peace be with you as you depart to serve.

Christ sends you out as witnesses to the World.

P: *We have experienced God's signs and wonders.*

*We have known the peace Christ brings.*

L: Christ breathes a blessing on you;

the Holy Spirit fills you with hope and joy.

P: *We are equipped to share new life in Christ.*

*We rejoice with unutterable and exalted joy.*

L: Wherever you go, God is beside you.

God is a present help in all you do.

All: *We are witnesses to resurrection power;*

*in thanks and praise, we proclaim salvation. Amen.*

## Closing Song

*"He Has Made Me Glad"*

#2270

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## Bringing the Light Into the World

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

Lectionary Reading:

Psalm 16

1 Peter 1:3-9