

Blackstone Valley  
United Methodist Church

Fourth Sunday Of Easter  
May 15, 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 Candle**

**Opening Song**

*"Glory to God"*

**#2033**

**Call to Worship**

**L:** We are different people; each one of us unique.

**P:** *We look different, sound different, think different thoughts,  
hold different opinions, feel different emotions.*

**L:** We are not one in the same.

**P:** *And yet, we gather together in a common faith.*

**All:** *In this time of worship, we rehearse our common story, sing  
our common song, give to one common mission of love, and live  
into the truth we share: Christ is risen. Alleluia!*

**Hymn**

*"There's a Song"*

**#2141**

**Opening Prayer**

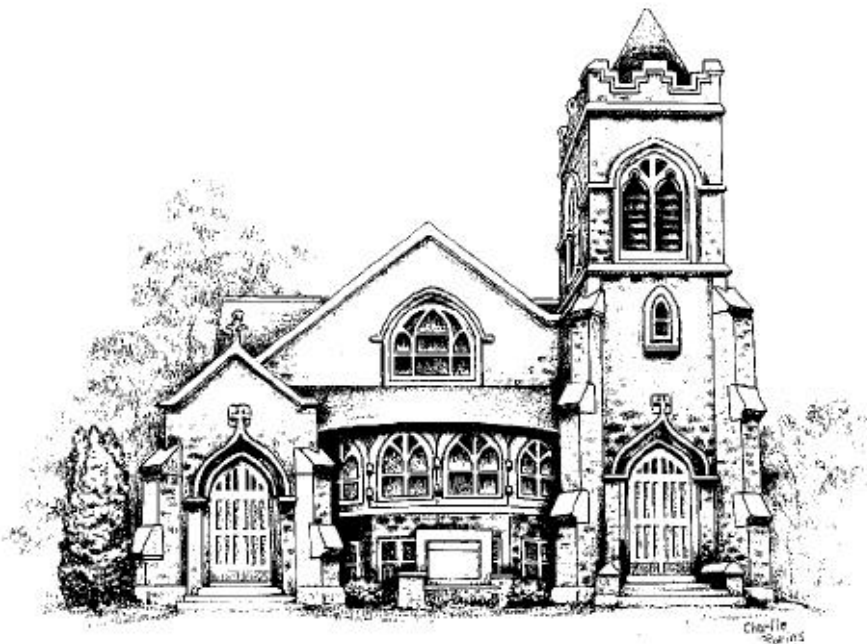
God of signs and wonders, open our eyes to the marvelous evidence of your care for us. Open our ears to hear the voice of the Good Shepherd calling us by name. Link us with one another in a true community of caring, in which the needs of each are the concerns of all. Shower your goodness and mercy on all who gather here, that we continue to share your blessings now and in the days to come. Amen

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

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

*Peggy Codner*

*(Children may be dismissed for Sunday School)*



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**Offertory** "More Precious than Silver" #2065

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**Doxology** #95

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

**Offertory Prayer**

O Guardian of our souls, we give thanks for your watchful care. We are grateful for the many ways you offer healing and renewal. We are delighted with the opportunity to return, with glad and generous hearts, the love you have given us. We praise you with our offerings and by rededicating our time, talents, and treasure to the ministry of healing your broken and troubled world. Amen.

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

**Anthem** "He Knows my Name" by Tommy Walker

**Reading of the Word**

**New Testament** Acts 2: 42-47

**Gospel** John 10: 1-10

**Hymn** "Praise You" #2003

**Message** Carolyn Mitchell

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**~WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE~**

**A Time for Prayer** Kim Nadreau

**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.*

**Hymn** "Precious Lord, Take my Hand" #474

**Sending Forth**

**L:** Embodying a community of hospitality we witness to the love of God.

**P:** *Responding in acts of generous compassion we witness to the way of Christ.*

**L:** Encouraging a life-giving freedom and creativity we witness to the work of Spirit.

**All:** *We are sent out to be the people of God.*

**Closing Song** "Forever" **Insert**

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**Bringing the Light into the World**

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

Other Lectionary Readings

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2: 19-25