Fifth Sunday of Easter
Children's Sunday
May 22, 2011 10:00 AM

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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~

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Greeting of Peace

Opening Song *"Jesus Loves Me"* **#191**

Call to Worship *Grades 4-6*

L: We seek a place of calm within the heart of the Beloved One.
We lift our hushed and quivering voices.
P: ***When the winds of instability blow, may our faith be the rock beneath us, may God encircle and hold us steady.***
L: Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.
Celebrate the Good News: Christ has risen.
P: ***We will not fear losses or suffering.***
We are raised with Christ to new life.
L: Come to Christ, the living stone, rejected by many.
Come to Christ, chosen by God, and precious to us.
All: ***We rejoice in God's steadfast love.***
We are glad for God's faithfulness that redeems us.

Hymn *"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"* **#277**

Opening Prayer *Grades 2-3*

We know God is always watching over. Help us, God, to be loving and kind to each other. Help us to be nice to each other and to help other people. Help us to not be sad. Help us to be loyal, kind and trustworthy and to act like your disciples. Amen.

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church

Recognition of Sunday School Teachers and Students *Laural Plourde*

Recognition of Graduates *Donna Moody*

Offertory *"God Gave"* *Children's Choir*

Doxology **#95**

Offertory Prayer *Kindergarten-Grade 1*

Dear God, thank you for all the things you have given us like food, animals, and our moms and dads. Thank you for being our strong foundation and cornerstone. Let our church use this offering to show others how you can be their foundation and cornerstone too. Amen.

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Anthem *"Every Move I Make"* *Children's Choir*

Reading of the Word
Hebrew Scripture *Psalm 31: 1 – 5* *Lucille Gallagher*
Epistle *1 Peter 2: 2 – 10* *Bridget Murphy*

Hymn *"God is so Good"* **#2056**

Favorite Sunday School Moments

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~WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE~

A Time for Prayer *Sunday School Teachers*
Response: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

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.

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~WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD~

Hymn *"Where Children Belong"* **#2233**

Sending Forth *Grades 2-3*

L: We know there are things in life that make us sad.
P: ***May we try to start each day with a happy heart.***
L: We know that not everything we do in life is fun.
P: ***May we try to make the most of our opportunities***
L: No matter what life brings us we know God loves us.
All: ***We are all God's disciples.***

Closing Song *"I Have Decided"* **#2129**

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Bringing the Light into the World

Call to Worship, Opening Prayer, Sending Forth and the Offertory Prayer were written by the Sunday School classes.