

Blackstone Valley
United Methodist Church



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Ascension Sunday
June 5, 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 "I Will Call Upon The Lord" #2002

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Call to Worship

L: Why do we stand looking up to heaven?
The signs of God are all around us.

P: *We are here to remember and rejoice.
We pray God will enlighten our eyes.*

L: When will we witness to all Jesus taught and did?
We have been commissioned to share the joy.

All: *We want to sing and pray and clap our hands.
We profess that Jesus is our Lord and Savior.*

Hymn "My Hope Is Built" #368

Opening Prayer

In his final hours, Jesus prayed for those who would follow him saying, "All mine are yours and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them." May the heart of Jesus beat on in us, the beloved community of witnesses, as we devote ourselves to this moment of worship. Amen

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church

Offertory "Come, Holy Spirit" #2125

Doxology #95

Offertory Prayer

With these offerings, we proclaim the good news we believe. With these gifts, we go into the world with the joy of the gospel. Thank you, God, for faith and love, for knowledge and wisdom, for all the seasons of life that present us with opportunities for growth and fulfillment. Receive our gifts, along with our renewed commitment to serve you with all our hearts. Amen.

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Anthem

"Lord Most High"

Don Harris & Gary Sadler

Reading of the Word

New Testament *Acts 1: 1-11*

Gospel *Luke 24: 44-53*

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 all worlds, we admit our desire, at times, to cut off the earth from any rule but our own. We revere our nation before all others; we elevate our perceptions as the norm for all. We want to control time and circumstances to our own advantage. Faith is too vague to be real, and love too fleeting to trust. We shrink from the risks of living by the Spirit's leading. Turn us around, we pray, before it's too late. Amen.

(Silent Prayer of Confession)

Words of Assurance

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread & Cup

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~WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD~

Hymn

"Father I Adore You"

#2038

Sending Forth

L: Joining with all who seek love, we give witness to the Great Love that pulses through creation.

P: *Filled with the Spirit of Christ, we have no reason to look upward, for we are empowered to bring healing, justice, and shalom.*

All: *May this be our witness. We go to be Christ ones alive in this world.*

Closing Song

"I'll Fly Away"

#2282

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Bringing The Light Into the World

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

Sending Forth:
from *Seasons of the Spirit*

Other Lectionary Readings

Psalm 47
Ephesians 1: 15-23