

Blackstone Valley  
United Methodist Church

Second Sunday After Pentecost  
3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Church Picnic  
June 26, 2011 11:00AM

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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**                    *"Morning Has Broken"*

**Gathering**

L:     In the name of the Creator, the fountain of life, the name of  
Christ, the pulse of life, and the name of the Spirit, the breath of  
life.

P:     ***Holy! Holy! Holy! The earth is filled with God's presence.***

L:     Christ, we come into your presence today to worship in this  
sanctuary called Earth,

P:     ***A planet filled with your presence, quivering in the forests,  
vibrating in the land, pulsating in the wilderness, shimmering  
in the rivers and lakes.***

L:     God, reveal yourself to us in this place and show us your face in  
all creation.

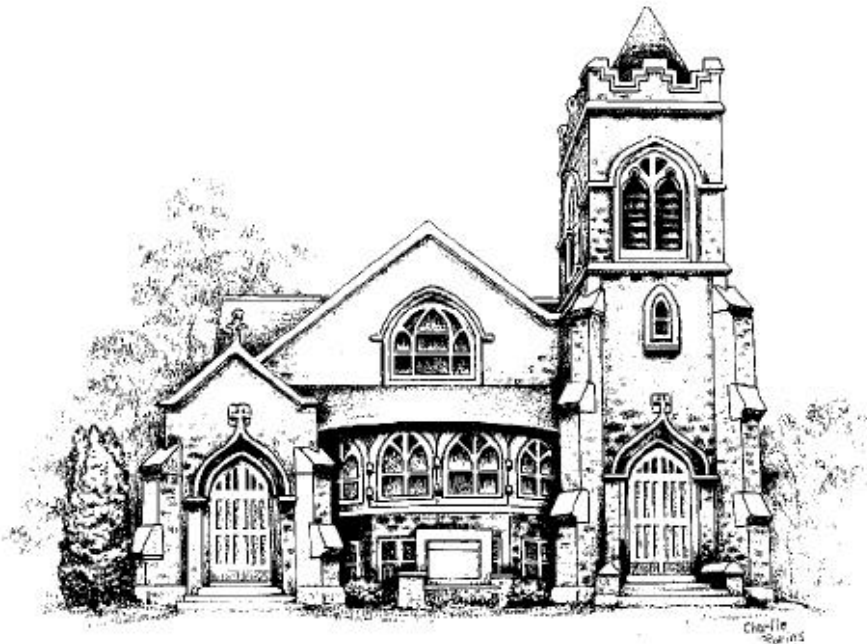
P:     ***Holy! Holy! Holy! The earth is filled with God's presence.***

**Hymn**                                *"This Little Light of Mine"*

**Opening Prayer**

God, our Creator, whose glory fills our planet, help us to discern  
your vibrant presence among us, especially in the mysteries of the forest.  
Help us empathize with your forest creatures who are suffering. Lift our  
spirits to rejoice with the forest and all the creatures of the forest. In the  
name of Christ, who reconciles and renews all things in creation. Amen

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



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**Offertory** "Kum Ba Ya"

**Doxology** #95

**Offertory Prayer**  
(Children may be dismissed for Summer Sunday School)  
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**~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~**

**Reading of the Word**  
**Hebrew Scripture** Genesis 1: - 2:4

**Hymn** "He's Got The Whole World"

**Message** Rev. Michele Ewers

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

**Affirmation of Faith**

Let us affirm our faith together.

**Left:** We believe that God creates all things, renews all things and celebrates all things.

**Right:** *We believe the earth is a sanctuary, a sacred planet filled with God's presence, a home for us to share with our kin.*

**Left:** We believe that God became flesh and blood, became a piece of Earth, a human being called Jesus Christ, who lived and breathed and spoke among us, suffered and died on a cross for all human beings and for all creation.

**Right:** *We believe that the risen Jesus is the Christ at the core of creation, reconciling all things to God, renewing all creation and filling the cosmos.*

**Left:** We believe the Holy Spirit renews life in creation, groans in empathy with a suffering creation and waits with us for the rebirth of creation.

**All:** *We believe that with Christ we will rise and with Christ we will celebrate a new creation.*

**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** "Alleluia"

**Sending Forth**

**L:** Christ calls you to be his disciples, to serve him with love and compassion and to serve Earth by caring for creation.

**P:** *We will remember the forest! We will groan with creation! We will sing with the trees!*

**L:** Will you care for creation?

**All:** *We will care for creation! We will nurture the forests! We will celebrate life!*

**Closing Song** "This Is The Day"

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**Bringing the Light into the World**