

Blackstone Valley
United Methodist Church



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Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
July 10, 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 Candles

Opening Song

"Cry of My Heart"

#2165

Call to Worship

L: We bring our hopes and fears, our struggles and our lives as they are, into the presence of the One who leaves doors and futures open to gracious possibilities.

P: *God's word lights the paths before us. May this time of worship empower us to make faithful choices.*

L: God's word lights the paths before us. May this time of worship renew and restore our relationships with God and each other.

All: *God's word lights the paths before us.*

Hymn

"Hymn of Promise"

#707

Opening Prayer

All-powerful God, we celebrate the freedom you give us to make our own decisions to all the possibilities you lay out before us. We are grateful for the revelation you provide through the witness of many in the Scriptures. Through their words help us to discern your Word. Come to us in the midst of our diversity to bring understanding and mutual caring. Beyond our clamor for the things of this world, we long for the richness of spirit you alone can provide. Feed us here, we pray. Amen.

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church

A Time for the Child in All of Us

Ingrid Murphy

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Offertory "Breathe" #3112

Doxology #95

Offertory Prayer

For all who have made this world a better place for us, we give thanks. For the abundance of your steadfast love, which rescues and enlivens us, we are most grateful. We offer this day expressions of our thankfulness. May these offerings scatter seeds of love in life changing ways. May we learn from those we help, that all of us may grow toward discipleship. Amen.

(Children may be dismissed for Summer Sunday School)

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Anthem "As I Lay Me Down to Sleep" By Charlie Ewers

Reading of the Word

Hebrew Scripture Psalm 119: 105-112
Gospel Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

Hymn "Thy Word" #601

Message Rev. Michele Ewers

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~WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE~

A Time for Prayer Mark Gentry

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.

~WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD~

Hymn "More Precious Than Silver" #2065

Sending Forth

L: Who we are is a given: we are children of God's creation.

P: *Who we are is also a choice: will we honor or undermine the connections that form us? We are the joy of God's heart, to be the source of joy for others.*

L: Who we will become is a given: we will be loved by God, we will be invited into life-giving relationships with God and with one another.

All: *Who we will become is also a choice: will we return God's love by living with love; will we be faithful or despising partners in the relationships entrusted to us? Guide us, on the road ahead: to love, in the example of your love; to covenant, with the care with which you covenant with us. Amen.*

Closing Song "Marching to Zion" #733

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Bringing the Light into the World

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

Other Lectionary Readings

Genesis 25: 19-34
Romans 8: 1-11