

**Fifth Sunday After Pentecost  
July 17, 2011 10:00AM**

**Blackstone Valley  
United Methodist Church**

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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**

*"Gather Us In"*

**#2236 vs. 1-2**

**Call to Worship**

**L:** We worship the Holy One who is present in all.

**P:** *God invites us to come as we are for the sake of who we may yet be.*

**L:** We worship the Holy One who calls us to new ways of being and doing.

**All:** *God invites us to journey in awe and in trust. We worship the Holy One in our midst who blesses and commissions us for the good of all.*

**Hymn**

*"Gather Us In"*

**#2236 vs. 3-4**

**Opening Prayer**

Search us, O God, and know our hearts. Test us and know our thoughts. We gather with eager longing to know you, ever-present God, and to be known by you. We want to live as your beloved children. Assure us in these moments that you hear our prayers, even as your will is revealed to us. Fill our dreams and our waking hours with radiant hope. May every time of encounter move us to awe and fervent worship. Lead us in your way everlasting. Amen.

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

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

*LuAnn Belseth*



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**Offertory** "Abba Father" *Unknown*

**Doxology** #95

**Offertory Prayer**

Thank you, God, for the rich heritage of faith we have received from our ancestors. We are grateful that your Spirit is ever with us, assuring us of your acceptance and love. May our offerings share this good news with other children of God who have not yet discovered their identity. May all of us grow in righteousness that we might together experience the reality of your realm in our daily lives, here and now and for all eternity. Amen

*(Children may be dismissed for Summer Sunday School)*

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

**Anthem** "Step by Step" #3004

**Reading of the Word**

**Hebrew Scripture** *Genesis 28: 10-19a*  
**Psalter** *Psalms 139: 1-12, 23-24* **Pg. 854**

**Hymn** "O How He Loves You and Me" #2108

**Message** *Rev. Michele Ewers*

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

**A Time for 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** "Of My Hands" **Insert**

**Sending Forth**

**L:** Scatter to serve, listening for God's direction.  
Let your faces shine with the good news you have received.  
**P:** *The Spirit of God will lead us day by day.  
God claims us and is with us every moment.*  
**L:** God promises to be with us wherever we go.  
We can say, "Surely God is in this place."  
**All:** *With eager longing, we seek to live in the Spirit.  
We look up with hope and patience and joy. Amen.*

**Closing Song** "Shout to the North" #3042

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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 *Taught By Love* by Lavon Bayler

Other Lectionary Readings

Romans 8: 12-25  
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43