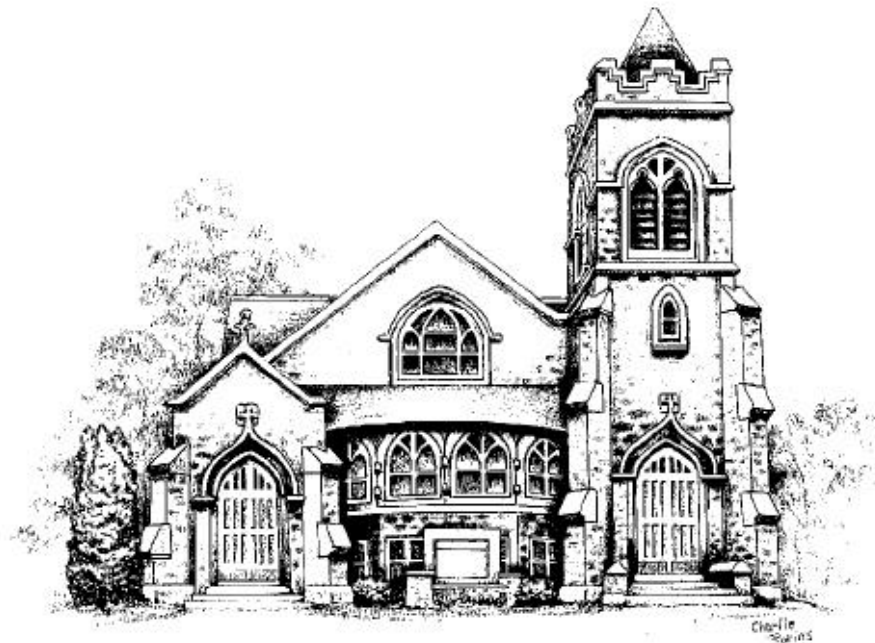


**Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
July 24, 2011 10:00AM**

**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 *"We Sing to You, O God"* **#2001 v 1-2**

Call to Worship

L: Let us call on our God and give thanks.

Let our hearts rejoice as we sing God's praise.

P: *Glory be to God in whose covenant we find life.
Let all the people tell of God's wonderful works.*

L: Who can separate us from the love of God?
Will hardship, distress, or peril overcome us?

All: *Nothing can separate us from God's love.
We can face all things, knowing God's care.*

Hymn *We Sing to You, O God"* **#2001 v 3-4**

Opening Prayer

Meet us here, holy God, to search our hearts and strengthen our spirits. Plant your Word among us that it may spring up in nurturing, inviting ways for the sake of all your creatures. May we find in these moments of worship the assurance we need to live triumphantly in the face of loss, discouragement, and suffering. Lead us, by the teaching and example of Jesus Christ, to trust you and your will for us. We believe that whatever happens, you can bring some good from it. Show us, O God, the good you intend. Amen.

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church

Presentation of Scout Religious Awards

Congratulations Nathaniel Wilson and Zachary Beauchaine

Offertory "Purify My Heart" #3103

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Doxology #95

~WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD~

Offertory Prayer

The gift of your realm is precious to us, O God. It is worth our greatest efforts and our caring sacrifice. As we search for the best in life, we also want to share our faith discoveries with friends and neighbors. We do that personally and with our giving. May our outreach proclaim to all that nothing can separate us from your love. We give thanks that you have entrusted to us all that we are privileged to share. Amen.

(Children may be dismissed for Summer Sunday School)

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Anthem "One Pair of Hands"
Words and Music by Billie Campbell and Manny Kurtz
Soloist Glenn Moody

Hymn "Change My Heart, O God" #2152

Sending Forth

L: God brings good from the worst of circumstances.
Those who trust God, love with confidence.
P: ***We believe nothing can separate us from God's love.
In Christ, we are assured of God's care.***
L: We are invited to make God's realm our first priority.
Living as God intends is life's greatest fulfillment.
All: ***May our mustard seed faith grow strong.
We treasure God's realm in our midst. Amen.***

Closing Song "My Life is in You, Lord" #2032

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Bringing the Light into the World

Reading of the Word

Epistle Romans 8: 26-39
Gospel Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

Call to Worship, Opening Prayer, Offertory Prayer, Sending Forth:
From: *Taught by Love* by Lavon Baylor

Hymn "Seek Ye First" #405

Message Rev. Michele Ewers

Other Lectionary Readings
Genesis 29: 15-28
Psalm 105: 1-11, 45b

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~WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE~

A Time for Prayer Lee Ducharme

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.