

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
July 31, 2011 10:00 AM

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 *"Standing on the Promises"* **#374**

Call to Worship

L: Come into the presence of God to be fed.
 Come to call on God, who is eager to answer.

P: *We gather to seek God's face.*
 Let our eyes see all that is right and true.

L: God is near to all who call and seek.
 Come to praise God and receive a blessing.

All: *Open all our senses to pay close attention, O God.*
 We want to renew our covenant with the living God.

Hymn *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"* **#344**

Opening Prayer

We are in awe before you, O God, for you have provided for us in rich abundance. There is beauty all around us from the work of your hands. You have surrounded us with people who care about us with the love of Christ. Help us, O God, to count our blessings. Point us beyond our cries and complaints that we might realize our capacity to act in your name for the sake of others. As we wrestle with issues of faith and trust, help us to risk our false security for the venture of feeding others in the spirit of Christ. Amen.

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church

A Time For The Child In All Of Us



61 Linwood Avenue
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Offertory "Here Is Peace" #3123

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Doxology #95

~WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD~

Offertory Prayer

Thank you, God, for all you have given to satisfy our needs. You quench our thirst and alleviate our hungers when we turn to you. You turn scarcity into plenty and give us the opportunity to help others. May our offerings proclaim your goodness and mercy. May they be devoted to extending the beloved community of your people. Keep our words and actions attuned to your will that we may offer to all what they need from your hand. Amen,

(Children may be dismissed for Summer Sunday School)

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Anthem "Beautiful Isle"
Words and Music by J.S. Fearis & Jessie B. Pounds
Soloist Grace Burns

Reading of the Word

Hebrew Scripture Genesis 32: 22 - 31
Gospel Matthew 14: 13 - 21

Hymn "Hallelujah" #3027

Message Rev. Michele Ewers

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~WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE~

A Time for Prayer Jean Rousseau

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.

Hymn "Jesus, Name Above all Names" #2071

Sending Forth

L: Go out to wrestle with God and the world this week.
Know that God intends that you will feel blessed.
P: *We believe that God preserves our lives.
All we have is a gift to us from our creator.*
L: God bids us to welcome others into the faith community.
Christ commands: Give them something to eat.
P: *As God has fed us, we want to share God's bounty.
We want to pass on Gods steadfast love.*
L: Call on God in your times of need.
Listen for the answers God supplies.
All: *God Keeps covenant with us at all times.
We seek to keep our promises to God. Amen.*

Closing Song "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" #2088

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Bringing the Light into the World

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

Other Lectionary Readings

Psalm 17: 1-7, 15
Romans 9:1-5