

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 21, 2011 10:00 AM**

+ + +

**Blackstone Valley  
United Methodist Church**

*Our Mission is  
to change people's lives  
through a relationship with Jesus Christ.*

+ + +

**~WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE~**

**Greeting of Peace**

**Lighting of the Altar Candle**

**Opening Song**

*"This is the Day"*

**#657**

**Call to Worship**

L: We come together on the edge of possibilities. For in this time, among this community, we encounter the Sacred Spirit who stirs, awakens, convicts, comforts, renews, and transforms.

All: *We come, we gather, we are open, and we wait...*

**Hymn**

*"Blessed be the Name of the Lord"*

**#2034**

**Opening Prayer**

Wondrous and unwearied God, breathe deeply into us so that we may be eased into this holy time. We come breathless to you from fretful times and blurred places -- our attention splintered, our energy drained, our love glazed, our faith frayed. Still we have been drawn here, and we thank you for this insistent yearning to worship and renew. O Breath of God, fill us with life anew. Amen.

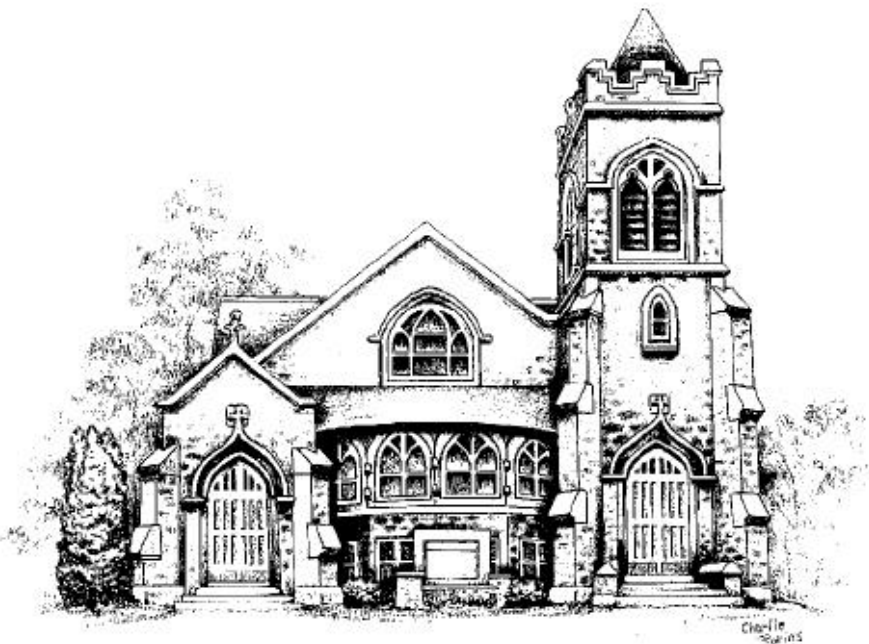
**This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church**

**Stewardship Moment**

*Glenn King*

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

*LuAnn Belseth*



61 Linwood Avenue  
Whitinsville, MA 01588  
508-234-2275

**Offertory** "Shout to the Lord" #2074

+ + +

**Doxology** #95

**~WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD~**

**Offertory Prayer**

Receive our offering, gracious God, as an expression of our thankfulness. Here, in your church, we become aware that the greatest gifts we receive are not material, and we learn how to best to use the particular gifts you give us. At the same time, you show us how our material advantages can help others. May many be blessed through our sharing of these offerings and our sharing go ourselves. Amen.

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

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

**Anthem** "God of Wonders" #3034

**Reading of the Word**

**Epistle** *Philippians 3: 4b - 14*  
**Gospel** *Matthew 16: 13 - 20*

**Hymn** "Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door" #3095

**Message** *Rev. Michele Ewers*

+ + +  
**~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.

**Hymn** "Grace Alone" #2162

**Sending Forth**

**L:** Go forth from this place inspired to serve one another and empowered by the love of God to do so.  
**P:** *We go forth from this place to work in company with all God's children to do God's work and God's will on Earth, that by loving and serving one another the kingdom of God may come to this world through us. Amen.*

**Closing Song** "I'm Gonna Live so God Can Use Me" #2153

**Bringing the Light Into the World**

+ + +

Call to Worship:  
from *Seasons of the Spirit*.  
Opening Prayer and Sending Forth:  
from *Homiletics Online*.  
Offertory Prayer:  
from *Taught by Love*  
by Lavon Bayler

*Other Lectionary Readings*

*Exodus 1:8 - 2:10*  
*Psalm 124*