

Blackstone Valley
United Methodist Church



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Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
September 4, 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 Candle

Opening Song "They'll Know We Are Christians" #2223

Call to Worship

L: God's strong voice calls us to move beyond all that divides us from one another.

P: *With generous grace, Jesus welcomes all that we are.*

L: The Spirit invites us to be enfolded into a community of mutual affection and respect.

P: *Jesus' tender voice stirs within us a desire for harmony and peace.*

L: The Spirit makes us kin with all in Christ and reveals how we are to live together.

All: *The Holy One creates this space for worship so we can rest in Sabbath's time. Come; let us worship and praise our Lord!*

Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" #64

Opening Prayer

We rise on Sunday morning and discover creation is already awake, pulsing with the Spirit's energy. If we pay attention, we recognize in the bird's song, the rustling of leaves, the kind word spoken, the flower's opening, the music of the community, and the silence... (pause) God's calling deep within and all around us. Amen.

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church

Offertory "More Love, More Power"

Doxology #95

Offertory Prayer

May our offerings be an expression of genuine love that reflects your love for us, O God. We seek to honor you as we serve one another in Christ's name. We reach out to overcome evil with good. Direct our use of the resources you entrust to us that we may not only contribute to the needs of the saints but also devote our lives to the building of a peaceable worldwide community in which all are valued. Amen.

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Anthem

"Somebody Bigger Than You and I"
by J. Lange, H. Heath & S. Burke
Soloist, Merrill McNelly

Reading of the Word

Gospel *Matthew 3: 13-17*

Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism

Mackenzie Elizabeth Brower,
child of God and of Becky & Brandon Brower

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~WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE~

Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

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Prayer of Confession

God of glory, we confess that our lives have not often glorified you. God of justice, we admit our complicity with systems of injustice. God of light, we are aware of the shadows we create that keep others from seeing you. All-inclusive God, we repent of our narrow vision and our tendency to exclude. Purge us of the idols that keep us from full commitment to the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

(Silent Prayer of Confession)

Words of Assurance

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread & Cup

"Panis Angelicus"

by Cesar Franck
soloist, Mark Gentry

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~WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD~

Hymn

"Come Away With Me"

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Sending Forth

L: Seek every day the presence we have known and experienced here. God offers us strength for every challenge we will face in the coming week.

P: *Let us give thanks and call on God to help us keep our eyes and ears open so that we may see the miracles and hear the good news of Jesus' before us each day. Amen.*

Closing Song

"Shine, Jesus Shine"

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Bringing the Light Into the World

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Call to Worship and Opening Prayer:

from *Seasons of the Spirit*.

Offertory Prayer and Sending Forth and Prayer of Confession:

from *Taught by Love*

by Lavon Bayler