

Blackstone Valley  
United Methodist Church

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**“Jesus, Use Me Please” Sunday**  
**September 11, 2011 10:00 AM**

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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~**

**A Litany of Healing and Hope for September 11, 2011**

by the Rev. Richard Garland

**Response: *In your sure hope, O God,  
bring healing to the world.***

**Prayer**

O God of all peoples, nations and creeds: you have created us and rejoiced in the goodness of creation, and have wept with us when we have experienced death, loss and grief. Send your healing presence into the world and endow all people, leaders, groups and nations with your vision of unity and peace; so that we and all people may move on from the wounds of the past and seek to live in harmony with one another; to the end that the goodness of your creation may be restored, enhanced and sustained for the common good of all. Through mercies of your love and grace, and in your sure hope, O God, bring healing to the world. Amen!

**Greeting of Peace**

**Lighting of the Altar Candle**

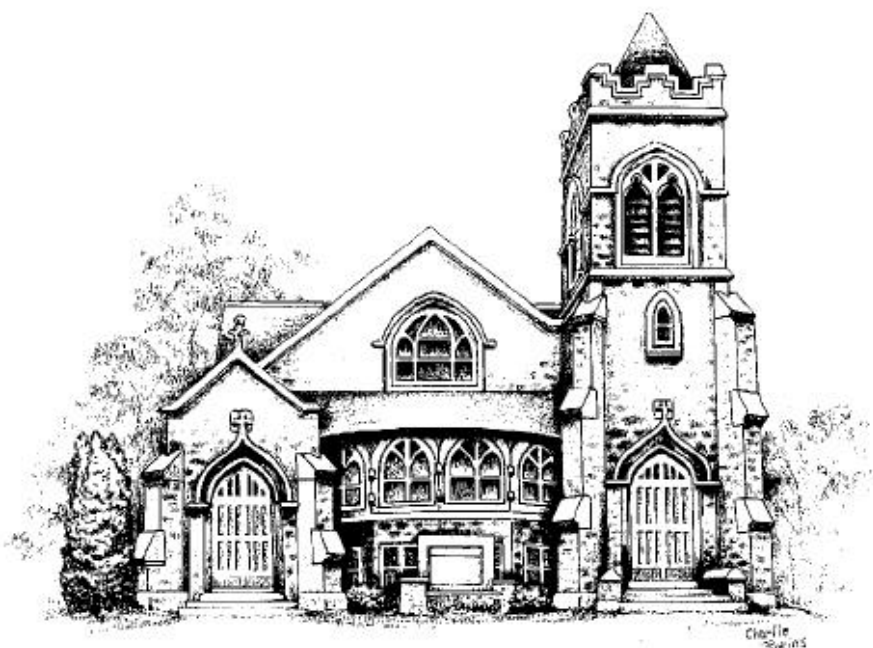
**Opening Song**      *“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”*      **#2129**

**What I Learned in Summer Sunday School**      *Laural Plourde*

**Hymn**      *“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”*      **#2026**

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

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



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**Offertory**                      “*Jesus Loves Me*”                      #191

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**Doxology**                      #95

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

**Offertory Prayer**

Holy God, we continue to seek your healing presence in our lives and in our world. We continue to seek your blessings as we open ourselves to being used by you whenever and wherever you need us. We thank you for all that you have so generously given to us and we are willing to share our gifts and our selves with all who are in need. All that we have and all that we are is given with great joy. Jesus, use us please! Amen.

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

**Anthem**                      “*Every Move I Make*”                      by David Ruis

**Reading of the Word**

New Testament                      *Acts 3: 1-10*

**Hymn**                      “*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*”                      #2158

**“Jesus, Use Me Please”**

*Laural Plourde and Rev. Michele Ewers*

**Commissioning of the Sunday School Teachers**

**Blessing of the Children and Parents**

**Presentation of Bibles**

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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.

**Hymn**                      “*Where Children Belong*”                      #2233

**Sending Forth**

**L:**                      God is our rock and fortress, our refuge. We are surrounded by God's steadfast love.

**P:**                      *We will call on God night and day. We will remember always that God is with us.*

**L**                      Serve God with all your heart.

**P:**                      *We will seek to live faithfully all God teaches. Jesus, use us please!*

**Closing Song**                      “*This Little Light of Mine*”                      #585

**Bringing the Light Into the World**

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Lectionary Readings

*Exodus 14: 19-31*

*Exodus 15: 1-1, 20-21*

*Romans 14: 1-12*

*Matthew 18: 21-35*