

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 25, 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 Candle**

**Opening Song**

*"There's a Song"*

**#2141**

**Call to Worship**

L: The glory of God surrounds us day by day;  
our Creator is gracious and merciful.

P: *Let us praise God's great and terrible name!  
Let us proclaim God's justice and equity.*

L: God is at work in us and in all people;  
the Sovereign One has gifted us with Jesus Christ.

All: *Let our minds be shaped by the mind of Christ.  
Let our service follow the patterns Jesus taught.*

**Hymn**

*"Majesty, Worship His Majesty"*

**#176**

**Opening Prayer**

O God, how shall we know you? How can we experience your presence with us? Do you really know our names and care about each one of us? If we have found favor in your sight, how will that be known? We cannot see you with our eyes or hear your voice with our ears. Speak to us in a language our souls can receive. Enlighten our inner being that joy may radiate in our actions. Work in and among us, that we may glimpse your pleasure for all humanity. Amen.

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



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

*(Children may be dismissed for Sunday School)*

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**Offertory** "Alleluia" #3006

**Doxology** #95

**Offertory Prayer**

Thank you, God, for the generosity that enables us to share. We are rich in so many ways. Help us to empty ourselves of pretense, even as we pour out gifts of gratitude. We dedicate our offerings and ourselves to shaping that community you intend, in the spirit of Christ. Amen.

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

**Anthem** "Love the Lord" #3116

**Reading of the Word**

**Epistle** *Philippians 2: 1-13*  
**Gospel** *Matthew 21: 23-32*

**Hymn** "He is Exalted" #2070

**Message** *Rev. Michele Ewers*

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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.

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

**Hymn** "He is Lord" #177

**Sending Forth**

**L:** Share affection and sympathy, inspired by love; there are many who need our encouragement.

**P:** *We seek the mind of Christ in all encounters; we trust God to supply the courage we lack.*

**L:** A gracious and merciful God goes with us; the glory of God will be revealed among us.

**All:** *We commit ourselves anew to daily prayer; surely God is at work in our midst. Amen.*

**Closing Song** "Awesome God" #2040

**Bringing the Light Into the World**

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Call to Worship:  
Opening Prayer, Offertory Prayer and Sending Forth:  
from *Fresh Winds of the Spirit*  
by Lavon Bayler

Lectionary Readings  
*Exodus 17: 1-7*  
*Psalms 78: 1-4, 12-16*