

**Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
October 2, 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

Opening Song

"He Has Made Me Glad"

#2270

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Call to Worship

L: The sun rises without fail, bringing a new day to Earth,

P: *and we rise to embrace this time of worship.*

L: Flowers, trees, grasses, and plants flourish and give praise with
unfolding leaves, waving blades, and fragrant offerings.

All: *May we join them and praise the Creator with our whole being.*

Hymn

"Honor and Praise"

#2018

Opening Prayer

O God, our rock and our redeemer, enlighten us today through
the ancient witness of your faithful people. Remind us of your laws that
are true and righteous. May they shape our living and warn us when we
are in error. We seek to honor you and keep this day of rest and
worship holy. Work with us and guide us, help us to grow in our love
of you and in our love and care for each other. Amen.

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church

(Children are dismissed for Sunday School)



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Offertory "One Bread, One Body" #620

Doxology #95

Offertory Prayer

Ruler of space and time, we want to be your faithful stewards. All that we have is yours. Our lives are in your hands. Help us use and manage well all that we offer so that it will bring honor and glory to you and your kingdom. May we experience a glimpse of heaven here on earth through holding you first in our lives and setting our priorities so that all that we do is done your name. Amen.

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Anthem "Table of Plenty" #3173

Reading of the Word

Hebrew Scripture Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Message Rev. Michele Ewers

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~WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE~

Celebration of the Sacrament

Invitation Pg 12

Prayer of Confession

Merciful Savior, your word provides illumination for our lives – both to guide us and also to convict us when we have strayed from your path. We confess that we fall short of all that we could be. We are prone to idolatry, to pledging our allegiance to self, work, pleasure or family before our allegiance to you. We are not careful with your name, and Sabbath rest is a rarity in our lives. We think too highly of ourselves and too little of others, and we are guilty of ignoring or disdaining them. We fudge the truth, preferring to tell only what flatters us, supports our side and makes us feel good. Forgive us, Lord, we pray. Pour out your mercy upon us that we might walk in a manner worthy of your sacrifice and your claim upon us. Amen.

(Silent Prayer of Personal Confession)

Words of assurance

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread & Cup

"Sing Alleluia to the Lord" #2258

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~WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD~

Hymn "How Great Thou Art" #77

Sending Forth

L: Go forth with ways of wisdom for the Holy One: faithfulness, loyalty, reverence, stillness, respect.

P: *We will go with ways of wisdom for community: mutuality, honour, generosity, truthfulness, contentment.*

All: *Let us go in the wisdom of Christ that enables all creation to flourish in the ways of love: forgiving, healing, restoring, creating, life.*

Closing Song "I've Got Peace Like A River" #2145

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Bringing the Light Into the World

Call To Worship, Prayer of Confession, Sending Forth: from *Seasons of the Spirit*
Opening Prayer, Offertory Prayer, and: from *Taught by Love*
by Lavon Bayler

Other Lectionary readings

Psalm 19

Philippians 3: 4b-14

Matthew 21: 33-46