

Blackstone Valley
United Methodist Church

Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost
All Saints Sunday
November 6, 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~

Greeting of Peace

Opening Song

"Saints of God"

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Lighting of the Altar Candles

Call to Worship

L: We have come here as a people of faith,

P: *thankful for all those who have gone before us.*

L: We stand in awe of so many who have served faithfully and shared and lived the good news.

P *May their example and their courage be a guide and model for our living.*

All: *Let us now remember the saints of God and join in holy fellowship as we sing and praise God.*

Hymn

"God Is Here Today"

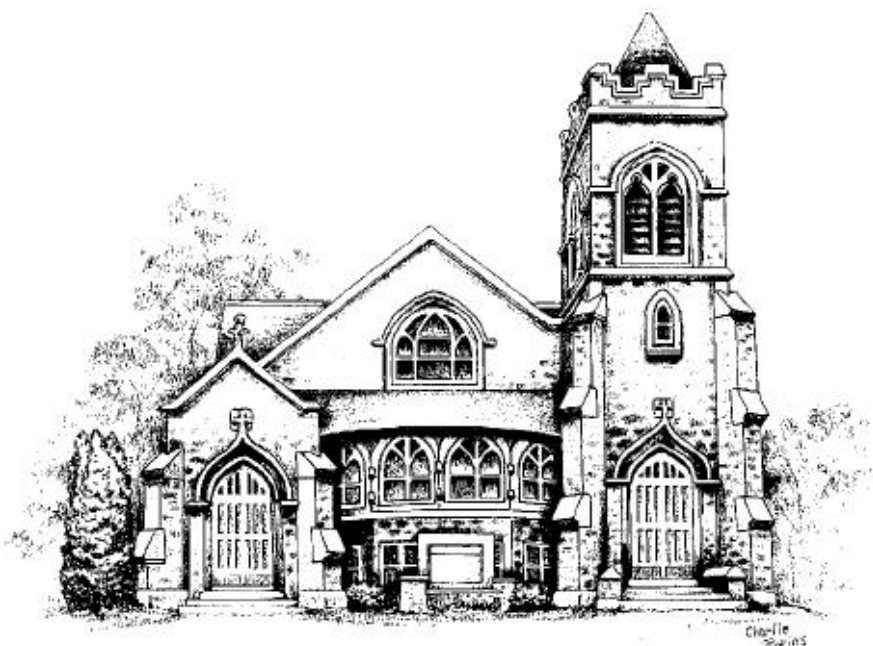
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Opening Prayer

Grant us today a vision of your reign and an awareness of your presence, mighty God. Draw us away from the distortions of the world to a clearer understanding of your Word of truth. Send your Holy Spirit among us, as you have promised. Knit us together in love so Christ may live in all we do and say. Empower our ministries with deep faith and abiding hope. Amen.

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church

(Children are dismissed for Sunday School)



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Offertory "Blest Are They" #2155

Doxology #95

Offertory Prayer

God of glory, in thanksgiving for your abundant goodness, we seek to reach out to others as you have reached out to us. We want to treat our brothers and sisters as we wish to be treated, with dignity, understanding and grace. May these offerings prove to be a blessing to those who give and those who receive. Amen.

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Anthem "Ring Them Bells" *By Bob Dylan
solo, Charlie Ewers*

Reading of the Word
Gospel *Matthew 25: 31-46*

Message *Rev. Michele Ewers*

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~WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE~

Celebration of the Sacrament

Invitation **Pg 12**

Prayer of Confession

Father, forgive us for all that spoils our lives. Forgive us because though we have seen a vision of your holiness, we have easily put it at the back of our minds. Forgive us because we think we can earn a place in your affections, and so easily forget that place has been bought for us at great cost by Christ. Forgive us for not following the example of so many worthy saints who have gone before us. We tend to put them high on a shelf and forget to follow their lead. Forgive us our complacency, our lack of obedience to your call, and thus assure us of our forgiveness in Christ.

(A time of Silent Prayer)

Words of Assurance

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread & Cup

"Christ We Are Blest" #3174

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~WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD~

Hymn *"Christ Beside Me"* #2166

Sending Forth

L: Rejoice each day and praise God's name;
leap with joy and dance your faith.

P: *We have set our hope on Jesus Christ;
we live each day with the promised Holy Spirit.*

L: See what love God is pouring out on all of us!
We are being purified in the image of Christ.

All: *We are blessed as saints of God.
We are learning daily to claim our identity. Amen.*

Closing Song *"I Have Decided To Follow Jesus"* #2129

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Bringing the Light Into the World

Call To Worship, Prayer of Confession: From *Homiletics Online*
Opening Prayer, Offertory Prayer, and Sending Forth: From *Taught by Love*
by Lavon Bayler