

Blackstone Valley
United Methodist Church



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Second Sunday After the Epiphany
January 15, 2012 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

Lighting of the Altar Candle

Opening Song

"Step by Step"

#3004

Call to Worship

Adapted from Psalm 139

L: O God, you have searched us and known us —

P: *When we sit down and when we rise up, when we worship
and pray, and praise and serve;*

L: You discern our thoughts from far away —

P: *Our hopes and dreams, our worries and fears. You search
out our paths, and are acquainted with all our ways.*

L: Even before a word is on our tongue, O Lord, you know it
completely.

All: *You hem us in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon
us. We praise you! Wonderful are your works! We worship
you, O God!*

Hymn

"Open My Eyes That I May See"

#454

Opening Prayer

Holy God, as we move away from Christmas and settle back into our everyday routines, we ask you to help us retain that sense of anticipation and awe that comes with Advent and Christmas. May our worship this morning, and our lives, be filled with the eager anticipation of your return, the wonder of your birth, and the Easter joy the promise of the resurrection brings. As we sing your praise this morning, along with the heavenly host, may it be pleasing to you. Amen.

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church

A Time for the Child in All of Us *Ingrid Murphy*
(Children may be dismissed for Sunday School)

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Offertory "Amazing Grace" *Flute/Bass Trio*
Musicians: Danielle & Daniel Wilson, Bridget Murphy

Doxology #95

Offertory Prayer

We have heard you calling us, loving God. We have heard the cries of our brothers and sisters and have felt their pain. We want to help and we believe that the church can be Christ's healing presence in our world and so today we offer the gifts of our treasures and ourselves to you. May these gifts be used for the transformation of the world. Amen.

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Anthem "Come Thou Font, Come Thou King"
by Robinson & Miller

Reading of the Word

Hebrew Scripture *1 Samuel 3: 1-10*
Gospel *John 1: 43-51*

Hymn "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" #474

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. And 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 "Lord, Be Glorified" #2150

Sending Forth

L: Daughters! Sons!

P: *Speak, God, for your servants are listening.*

L: God is about to do something in our world, and calls us into that future. Be ready, then, to hear God's call and to be empowered by the Spirit to follow the way shown to us by Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Closing Song "Marching to Zion" #733

Bringing the Light into the World

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Offertory Prayer and Sending Forth:
from *Seasons of the Spirit Fusion*
Call to Worship, Opening Prayer:
from *Homiletics Online*.

Lectionary Readings

Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18

1 Corinthians 6: 12-20