

Blackstone Valley  
United Methodist Church

Third Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 22, 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 Candles**

**Opening Song**

*"Lord of the Dance"*

**#261**

**Call to Worship**

**L:** We enter this space for worship,  
called by God to pray together.

**P:** *We enter this space for worship,  
called by God to share our lives together.*

**L:** We enter this space for worship,  
called by God into Sabbath rest.

**P:** *We enter this space for worship,  
leaving behind the week that has gone.*

**L:** We enter this space for worship,  
to be refreshed for worship in our daily lives.

**All:** *We enter this space for worship,  
worshipping the God who calls us ever onward.*

**Hymn**

*"It's Me, It's Me, O Lord"*

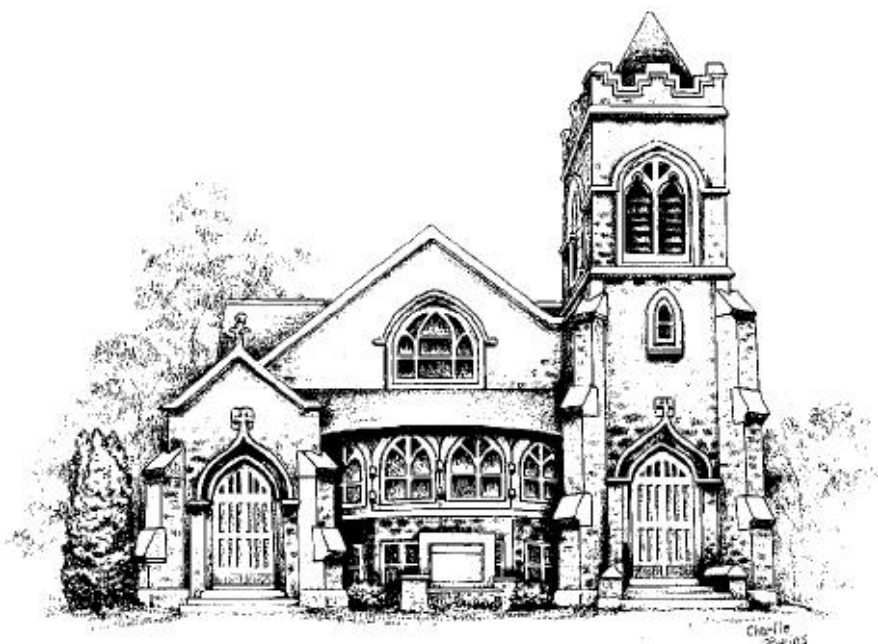
**#352**

**Opening Prayer**

**L:** Today we enter the story of Jesus calling his disciples, and we remember times when we have felt called – a sacred guiding toward a new path. To where did this call lead? What have you had to leave behind? Into what future did you move?

*(reflect in the silence on those times)*

**All:** We are thankful for the deep yearnings, the Sacred Whisper, mysterious suggestion that takes us in new directions in life. We give thanks for the calls we have heard and followed that have brought us here today. May our worship answer God's call on us to love and honour the Holy One. Amen.



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**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)*

**Offertory** “*Would I Have Answered When You Called*” #2137

**Doxology** #95

**Offertory Prayer**

Wisdom guide us as we follow in the way of Jesus, the way of Love. Spirit, bless our gifts of money, which we offer in service of your mission in the world. Amen.

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

**Anthem** “*Fear Not My Child*” by Carmen  
*Duet, Jay Henry & Bonnie Mochun*

**Reading of the Word**

**Hebrew Scripture** *Jonah 3: 1-5, 10*  
**Gospel** *Mark 1: 14-20*

**Hymn** “*Praise The Name of Jesus*” #2066

**Message** *Rev. Michele Ewers*

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**~WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE~**

**A Time for Prayer** *Carolyn Mitchell*

**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** “*Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling*” #348

**Sending Forth**

**L:** As we go into the future God has promised, remember that God is there before us, God is here beside us, God is the path we follow and the light that guides us.

**All:** *As we go into the future God has promised, may God be with us all, always: source of life, source of grace, source of love. Amen.*

**Closing Song** “*I Have Decided To Follow Jesus*” #2129

**Bringing the Light Into the World**

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

*Lectionary Readings*  
*Psalm 62: 5-12*  
*1 Corinthians 7: 29-31*