

**Fifth Sunday After The Epiphany
February 5, 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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**Blackstone Valley
United Methodist Church**

~WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE~

Greeting of Peace

Opening Song *"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"* **#2151**

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Call To Worship

L: We gather for worship in the midst of a broken world.

P: *Let us learn of God's way to serve.*

L: We gather for worship to build ways of love.

All: *For the strengthening presence of God and each other, we
lift our voices in joy and praise!*

Hymn *"He Touched Me"* **#367**

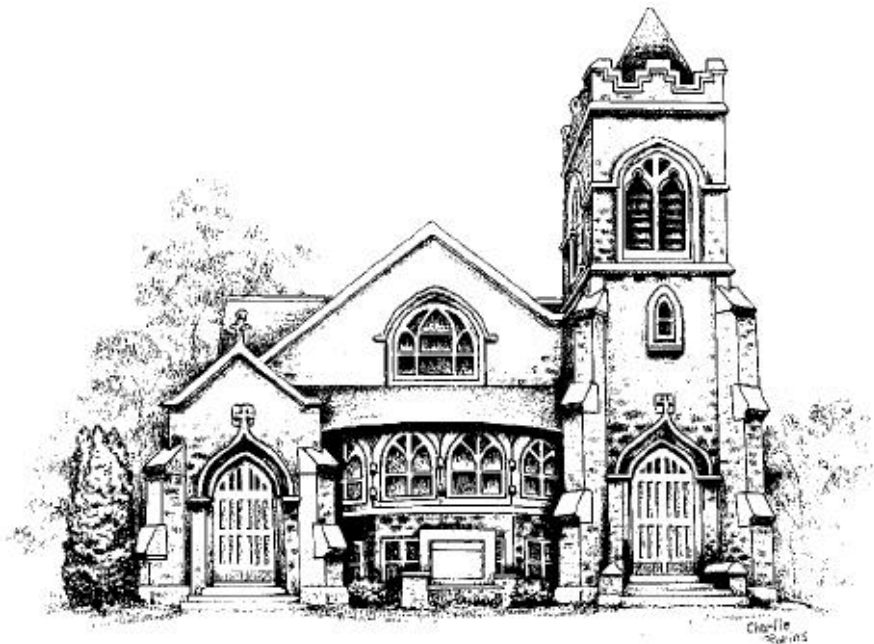
Opening Prayer

Holy and ineffable God, you are the creator of the world and everything in it. We come before you this morning to praise and glorify you. We rejoice in the wonders of your creation and all the ways you provide for us and sustain us. Open our hearts and minds to your Word and fill us with your Spirit. Amen.

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church
(Children are dismissed for Sunday School)

Offertory *"On Eagles Wings"* **#143**

Doxology **#95**



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Offertory Prayer

In response to all that you have given us gracious God, we bring our gifts to you. We pray that our money might be used to build bonds of love in the broken places. Use us to do the building, God, that through us others might know you. Let us give and give freely -- for the sake of Jesus, who served only you. Amen.

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Anthem

"Long Black Train" by Josh Turner
Soloist, Daniel Wilson

Reading of the Word

Hebrew Scripture *Isaiah 40: 21-31*
Psalter *Psalms 147: 1-11* #859

Message

Rev. Michele Ewers

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~WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE~

Celebration of the Sacrament

Invitation

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Prayer of Confession

Holy and awesome God, through your Son you revealed yourself as the divine Healer, as one who desires for us wholeness of body, mind and spirit. Unlike the crowds who surrounded Jesus, urgently turning to him to be made well, we are all too likely to try to heal ourselves. We attempt to fill our emptiness with crowded schedules and with the pursuit of pleasure, prestige and power. We mask our pain instead of facing our fears and loneliness. We confuse what we need with what we want, and we are unwilling to allow you to change our desires to reflect what you want for us. Forgive us, merciful Friend. Forgive our misguided attempts to heal ourselves apart from the transforming grace and power of your love. Strengthen our faith so that we may trust in your healing presence in our lives. Amen.

(A time of Silent Prayer)

Words of Assurance

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread & Cup

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~WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD~

Hymn

"O Holy Spirit, Root of Life" #2121

Sending Forth

L: May God who calls you into stillness sustain you.

P: *May Jesus who shows us a way of balance and peace, travel with us.*

All: *May the Spirit give us rest, and refresh us for our journey until we return to this holy place. Amen.*

Closing Song

"My Redeemer Lives"

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Bringing the Light Into the World

Call to Worship, Opening Prayer, Prayer of Confession,
Offertory Prayer, and Sending Forth:
From *Homiletic Online*

Lectionary Readings
1 Corinthians 9: 16-23
Mark 1: 29-39