

*\*Please stand, as able*

**PRELUDE**     *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

*Please use the forms inserted in your bulletin for your prayer concerns. The ushers will collect them during the first hymn. These concerns will be included in our Morning Prayer.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Reader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth,

**People: Worship our God with gladness, come into God's presence with singing.**

Reader: Know that God has made us, and cares for us as a shepherd cares for the sheep.

**People: We enter God's presence with gladness and with praise, for God is good and loves us forever and is present to every generation.**  
(based on Psalm 100)

**\*HYMN #660**   *"God Is Here"*

**MORNING PRAYERS**

**Eternal One, we thank you for your presence in our lives and in our world. Even as we know that presence, may we see your face in the faces of all your people. May all our thoughts and actions be as you intend and reflect your great love for us. May we live as those who know your unconditional love for us.**

**Even as we pray for ourselves as individuals, so we pray collectively for each other. As a congregation we ask that you strengthen our faith in Jesus' way, to live as your people. Our prayer is that we increasingly be like Him who loved the world and its people without condition. Remind us again that you call us to love our enemies even as we love ourselves. Call us to compassion and empathy, to live in such way that Christ will shine through us. Let us witness to the power of love at every level of our lives. Call us again to be the Church, the presence of Christ for the world.**

**Hear us as we pray for the world and all its people, and hear us as we pray for one another. (After each prayer request is read, the response is 'God of love, hear our prayer')**

**We ask these things in the name of Jesus who taught his disciples to pray: 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**

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**ANTHEM**           *"Worthy Is the Lamb"*                                 Choplin

**SCRIPTURE:** Luke 24:36b-48

**SERMON**           *"In Their Joy"*   Rev. Osgood

**PRAYER**

**HYMN #67**   *"We, Thy People Praise Thee"*

**OFFERING**           *"The Prayer"*   Foster

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*HYMN #89**   *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**           *"Time to say Goodbye"*   Sartori

**COFFEE HOUR IN BENNETT HALL  
(Please join us for fellowship)**



**Welcome to Jesse Lee Church:**  
Find hope, joy, peace and the love of God here.

**Welcome to the Rev. Douglas Osgood**, a retired clergy member of the New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. Although retired, Doug has continued his ministry in many ways. He and his wife Carol, among other things, have a very active ministry at Wesley Village in Shelton, CT, where they live.



**Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Jesse Lee United Methodist Church.**



**Scripture Reader: John Herlihy**

**Ushers: Jim Riling, Brian Sideleau**



Dear Jesse Lee Family,  
Thank you for the wonderful tribute you gave to Laurie, Charlie & their family.  
The salads, main dishes & desserts were delicious. We have such great cooks at Jesse Lee! Thanks to Victoria who helped in the kitchen with the food preparation and to all those who helped clean up, our deepest appreciation.  
The Italian musical selections, sung by Joanne Kant, were beautifully presented. We are so lucky to have such a talented singer & actress!  
The tributes given by the three J's (Jim Stinson, Jim Riling & Joe Swindon) were great!  
It is amazing to think how long the Kennys have been with us & how actively engaged they have been in the service & activities of the church.  
They will be dearly missed. Laurie said they will be popping in to visit when they come home to visit their families.  
With love, Lorraine

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

### Today:

8:45am Choir Practice  
10:00am Worship Service/Sunday School  
10:30am Theater Group until 7:30pm

### Monday

10:30am Theater Group until 7:30pm  
7:30pm Church Council

### Tuesday

10:30am Theater Group until 7:30pm  
7:30pm District AA

### Wednesday

10:30am Theater Group until 7:30pm

### Thursday

10:30am Theater Group until 7:30pm

### Friday

10:30am Theater Group until 7:30pm

### Saturday

10:30am Theater Group until 7:30pm

### Next Sunday:

8:45am Choir Practice  
10:00am Worship Service/Sunday School  
11:00am Coffee Hour  
10:30am Theater Group until 7:30pm

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Attendance: April 8 - 41

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CIRCUIT WRITER: Items for the newsletter should be sent to Suzanne Herlihy (suzannevherlihy@gmail.com).

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ITEMS FOR BULLETIN: Send to Lois by **Tuesday to:** jesselee.umc@gmail.com **AND** lmhalzack@gmail.com

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**PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS:** Rev. Stinson in office Tuesday - Thursday, 9am-12pm. He can be reached by email at jstinson4242@aol.com. Emergency: 203-984-0141(cell) or 203-378-4702(Home)

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesday thru Thursday, 8:30am - 12:30pm. Please leave voice mail message when office is closed.

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### Rev. James Stinson – Pastor

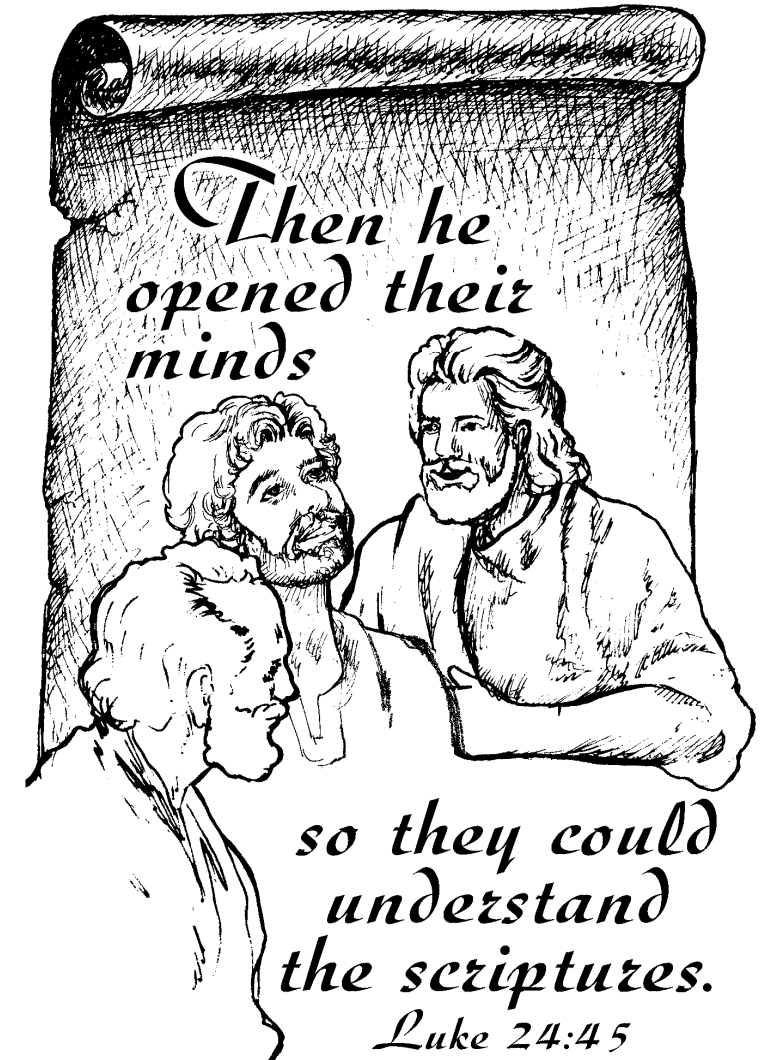
Joseph F. Swindon - Minister of Music  
Michelle Wendt - Church School Superintendent  
Lois Halzack - Administrative Assistant

Jesse Lee Church is the direct descendent of the oldest continuously operating Methodist Society of New England. Our church traces its origin to 1789 when Jesse Lee, A Methodist Circuit Rider (traveling preacher), was appointed to spread the Word of God to New England. The congregation has met in this warm colonial sanctuary since 1813.

The United Methodist Church is a Protestant Christian denomination of 10 million members in the USA and around the world. It is affiliated with Methodist Churches in 87 countries in the world. We confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and the historic Christian faith.

### Our Vision

Jesse Lee United Methodist Church seeks to be a compassionate congregation whose members, through word and deed, live the Great Commandment of Jesus Christ to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and your neighbor as yourself."



*Jesse Lee United Methodist Church*  
*At Worship*  
*April 15, 2018*  
*10:00 A.M.*