

*\*Please stand, as able*

PRELUDE                      *"Invocation"*                      Kirkland

*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

Leader: Trust our eternal God and do good.

**People: May God give us strength to be faithful.**

Leader: The nature of our God is to keep the promise to lead us.

**People: We will find our a strengthened faith in that God, who is our refuge.**

**\*HYMN #66**    *"Praise, My soul, the King of Heaven"*

## MORNING PRAYERS

**Come and be with us, O God. Be present in such a way that we are moved and changed by the experience. Lead us into new ways of seeing the world and it people. Call us to an even greater awareness of our common humanity. Remind us of your call to to serve all your people. In that call and reminder, lead us to live into the words of our forbear in faith, John Wesley:**

**Do all the good you can,  
by all the means you can,  
in all the ways you can,  
in all the places you can,  
at all the times you can,  
as long as ever you can.**

**In that spirit, we pray for the world and all it's people. We pray for one another and for ourselves and for the ministry and witness of this congregation. And we pray for this congregation that we may always bear witness to you. Hear us now as we pray specifically 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                      *"Gloria in Excelsis Deo"*                      Estes

SCRIPTURE: Micah 6:1-8; Matthew 5:1-12

SERMON                      *"Jesus and Judge Judy"*                      Rev. Stinson

## PRAYER

HYMN #399    *"Take My Life, and Let It Be"*

OFFERING                      *"The Rose"*                      McBoom

## \*DOXOLOGY

**\*HYMN #2234 (TFWS)**    *"Lead On, O Cloud of Presence"*

## \*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE                      *"Echo Allelulia"*                      Purcell

## 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.

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by The Lin Family in memory of Lucy Dodge, Lucy Preston, & Emily Dodge.

Scripture Reader: Mike Biafore

Ushers: Brian Sideleau, Brian Sideleau, Jr.

TODAY - Celebrate Mexico's Cinco de Mayo with us in Bennett Hall following the worship service.

## Looking Forward

**\*Outreach Committee is collecting food for children's backpacks until today, Sunday, April 29.** The food will be packed into lightweight backpacks for kids to take home for days when they are not in school to receive meals during the week. Still needed: Beef or Chicken Soup, Juice Boxes, Mac & Cheese - individual or canned pasta & small cans of vegetables.

**\*Outreach Committee will be providing dinner for our veterans at Homes for the Brave on Monday, May 14, at 4:15PM.** We need people to provide a vegetable side dish, salad, rolls & butter & dessert. We also welcome people to help serve & socialize with the veterans. If you can help, contact Suzanne Herlihy (suzanneherlihy@gmail.com).

**\*Tickets are still available for the Council of Churches' event at the Downtown Cabernet in Bridgeport on Thursday evening, May 3rd.** Details are on Bulletin Board, or available through Suzanne Herlihy or Barbara Stinson. **It is important to have tickets, which are available through Council office (203-334-1121).**

**\*The Connecticut District Conference will be in West Hartford UMC on Sunday, May 6th, from 2:00-4:30.** Details are on Bulletin Board in hallway. **Our Bishop, Thomas Bickerton, will the keynote speaker and will address us on "The Way Forward." Everyone is invited to attend.**

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

### Today:

8:45am Choir Practice  
10:00am Worship Service/Sunday School  
11:30am Celebrate Cinco De Mayo with us

### Monday

9:15am Essentrics Exercise

### Wednesday

9:15am Essentrics Exercise

### Friday

9:15am Essentrics Exercise

### Next Sunday:

8:45am Choir Practice  
10:00am Worship Service/Sunday School  
11:00am Coffee Hour  
12:30pm Laurel & Hardy Lunch & Movie,  
You are welcome to come, \$15.

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Attendance: April 22 - 47

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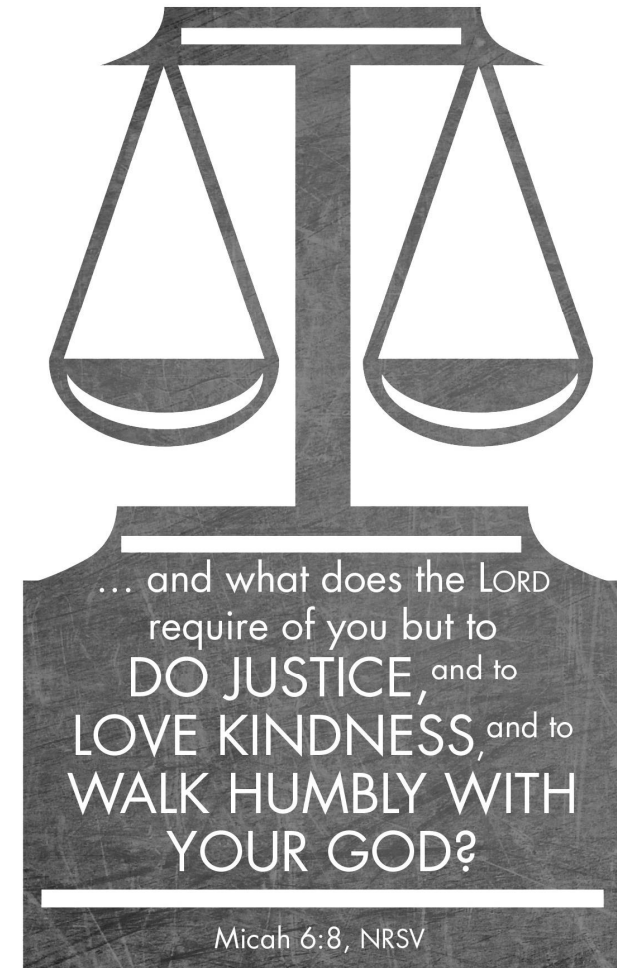
Joseph F. Swindon - Minister of Music  
Michelle Wendt - Church School Superintendent  
Lois Halzack - Administrative Assistant

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 29, 2018*  
*10:00 A.M.*