

*\*Please stand, as able*

**PRELUDE**                      *"Pilgrim Song"*                      Tchaikovsky

*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**  
**And Update on Easton ACTS New Family**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**  
Leader: I want Jesus to walk with me, all along my pilgrim journey.

**People: Lord, walk with me.** (Taken from UMH #523)

Leader: In good times and in bad, in joy and in sorrow,

**People: Lord, walk with me.**

Leader: God, through Jesus, has promised to walk with us.

**People: We thank you and praise you, eternal God.**

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

**MORNING PRAYERS**  
**Come and be with us, O God. In all we do and say, we need someone to guide us. The way can be fearsome or it can be easy, but it is always made possible by your presence. As we gather together, aware of your abiding love, speak to us in such a way that we are moved and changed by the experience.**

**Lead us into new ways of seeing and loving the world and its people. Call us to an ever greater awareness of our common humanity. Remind us of your call to serve all your people. Inspire us to see all those you see, to care for all as you care, and to love as you love. Touch us and them with your eternal love.**

**We pray for one another and for ourselves and for the ministry and witness of this congregation. In doing so, may our witness be strengthened in specific ways as we seek to show your love to all who need it. May it make a difference in our lives and in the lives of our communities. When we fail in our witness, bless us with your forgiveness so that we may try again. We, and the world, need the Word we have heard from 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** [Men's Ensemble] *"Mother's Day"* R. Davis

**SCRIPTURE:** Psalm 1:1-3; John 15:1-5;10-12, 16

**SERMON** *"Fruit That Will Last"* Rev. Stinson

**PRAYER**

**HYMN #534** *"Be Still, My Soul"*

**OFFERING** *"A Mother's Prayer"*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*HYMN #2196 (TFWS)** *"We Walk by Faith"*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *"Victory Through Christ"* L. Smith

**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 those listed in the insert.**

**Scripture Reader: Suzanne Herlihy**  
**Ushers: Derek Smith, Donna Smith**

**Looking Forward**

**We welcome you to worship with us every Sunday**

**\*Our refugee family has arrived in Bridgeport. They have 5 children and another due in August. There are many opportunities to help, some of which require a background check, For more information, please check the bulletin board in Bennett Hall.**

**\*MONDAY, MAY 14, 4:15PM: Outreach Committee will be providing dinner for our veterans at Homes for the Brave . 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 (suzannevherlihy@gmail.com)**

**\*May 15-June 30:** The Artwork of Jesse Lee's own watercolorist & industrial designer, Paul O. Rawson, will be on display at the Conference Room of the Easton Public Library, during library hours of operation. There will be a reception to honor Paul on Saturday, June 9, from 2-5 pm in the Conference Room. Paul has donated so many pieces of artwork to our church and its members; let us take this opportunity to thank him with a show of support at his exhibit.

**\*'State of the Church' Sunday, May 20th. Michael Biafore, on behalf of the Finance Committee, will offer a brief presentation on "The State of the Church" and introduce our Estimate of Giving cards. These cards will help the committee plan for the following year. Please make a special effort to attend that day.**

**WAMC FUNDRAISER for Scholarship on Sunday, May 20 at 3:30 pm at Fairfield Grace Methodist Church. A Bernstein Centennial Celebration with music from such favorites as West Side Story, On the Town, The Mass, and others. \$15 donation, reception to follow includes "A Taste of Fairfield." For more information, see Joanne Kant.**

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

### Today:

8:45am Choir Practice  
10:00am Worship Service/Sunday School  
11:00am Coffee Hour - Bennett Hall

### Monday

9:15am Essentrics Exercise  
4:15pm Dinner for Homes for the Brave  
7:00pm PAASD

### Tuesday

7:00pm District AA

### Wednesday

9:15am Essentrics Exercise

### Friday

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### Next Sunday:

8:45am Choir Practice  
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Attendance: May 6 - 48

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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**

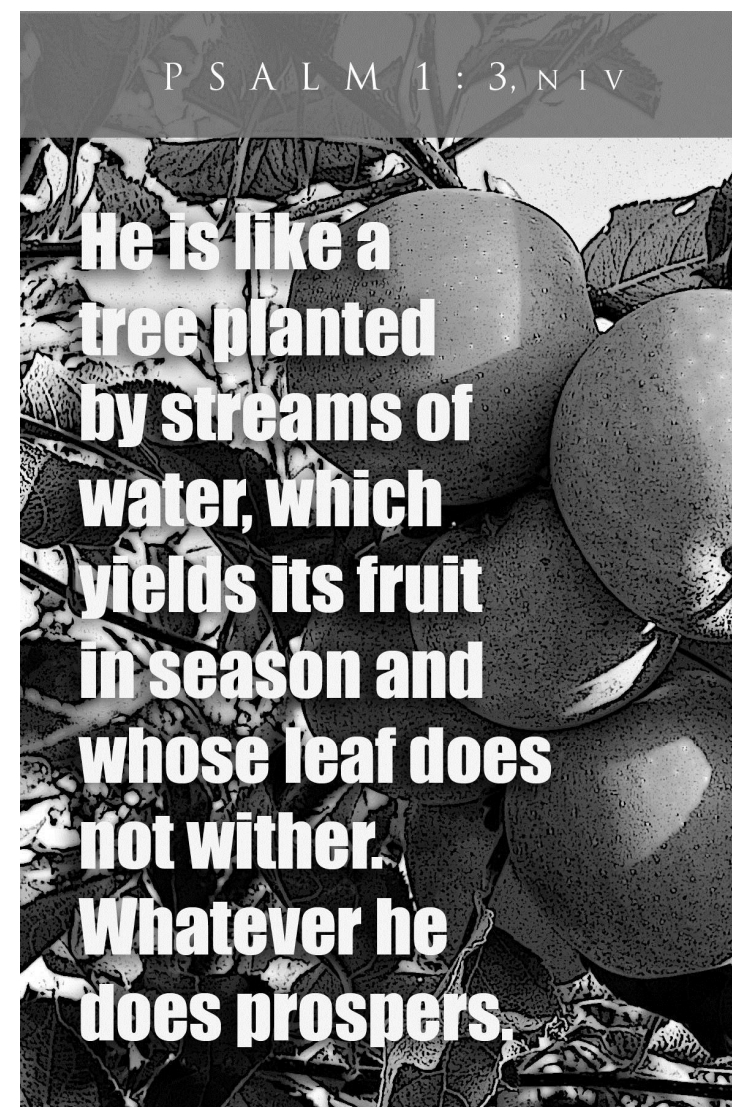
Joseph F. Swindon - Minister of Music  
Michelle Wendt - Church School Superintendent  
Lois Halzack - Administrative Assistant

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*  
*May 13, 2018*  
*10:00 A.M.*