

*\*Please stand, as able*

**PRELUDE**

*For your prayer concerns, please use the forms inserted in your bulletin. The ushers will collect them during the first hymn to be included in our Morning Prayer.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We are here Eternal God, your creations standing before you.

**People: We have come to affirm your presence in our lives and in the lives of all creation. We are here to thank you for giving this day to us.**

Leader: Be with us. Let us feel your breath upon our faces, and lead us to be life giving breath to those who do not feel it, who need to be reminded that your ever refreshing renewing love is for them as well.

**ALL: Trusting you, help us to affirm that this is the day you have made. Enable us to rejoice and be glad in it.**

**\*HYMN #92** *“For the Beauty of the Earth”*

**MORNING PRAYER**

**O God of all times and places, we pray for the Church, which is set today amid the perplexities of a changing world, and face to face with new tasks. Refresh it by your Spirit that it may be enabled to respond with compassion to all those who suffer in this world.**

**Help it to proclaim the good news of Jesus to a broken and hurting world. And when a prophetic voice for fairness and justice for everyone is needed, strengthen its resolve to speak its truth to power.**

**God of us all, be with this congregation. As we pray for the Church Universal, we pray for it. May it always be faithful in its witness to the power of love to conquer evil, to the message of Jesus, who called us to follow him. We pray for ourselves and our ministries, that we may always remember our call individually and**

**collectively. Trusting that you hear all our prayers, we pray for those closest and dearest to us. (After each 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**

**ANTHEM**

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**SCRIPTURE:** James 3:1-12; Ephesians 4:29-32

**SERMON** *“Christian Communication”* Judy Lang  
**PRAYER**

**HYMN #451** *“Be Thou My Vision”*

**OFFERING**

**DOXOLOGY**

**\*HYMN #145** *“Morning Has Broken”*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**PLEASE JOIN US for Coffee Hour  
in Bennett Hall**

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**Welcome to Jesse Lee Church:**  
Find hope, joy, peace and the love of God here.  
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Flowers on the altar **last week** were given to the glory of God by **George Lindeberg** in memory of his wife, **Birgit**.

**Ushers: Jim Riling, Brian Sideleau**

**Scripture Reader: Kay Delaney**

**Looking Forward**

**Save these Dates:**

**September 16: 1st choir rehearsal, 8:45am, Bennett Hall**

**September 22:** Annual Shredding Event 9am - 12pm -  
Patty Gelineau, Chair

**\*\*The Shredding Truck is scheduled** for 9AM-12PM on Saturday, September 22. Fill a box (or more) with papers you want shredded and bring to the church parking lot. Your papers will be shredded while you watch and your empty box(es) will be returned to you or recycled. (\$10 per box, \$8 for seniors).

The event will include a **bake sale. DONATIONS NEEDED!**

**November 3:** Annual Turkey Dinner

**November 10:** Annual Craft Fair 10am - 3pm  
Carrie June, Chair

**We welcome Judy Lang as our preacher and worship leader this morning. Judy is a member of Nichols UMC in Trumbull, CT. She has been a Lay Servant since 2002 and has been leading worship and preaching in many churches and facilities. She is currently in the process of becoming a Certified Lay Minister to function at Nichols UMC.**

**\*\*\* Our Shredding Event on Saturday includes a Bake Sale. Baked goods donated by our great bakers will be much appreciated. If you would like to contribute with your baked goodies, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Bennett Hall hallway near kitchen. \*\*\***

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

### Today:

8:45am Choir Rehearsal - Bennett Hall  
10:00am Worship Service  
11:00am Fellowship Hour in Bennett Hall

### Monday

9:15am Essentrics Exercise

### Tuesday

7:00pm District AA

### Wednesday

9:15am Exercise Class

### Friday

9:15am Exercise Class

### Saturday

9am-12pm Annual Shredding & Bake Sale  
in Parking Lot

### Next Sunday:

8:45am Choir Rehearsal - Bennett Hall  
10:00am Worship Service  
11:00am Fellowship Hour in Bennett Hall

**PLEASE NOTE:** Jim will be on vacation from September 7 - 20. If a pastoral need arises during this time, Rev. Brian Bodt and Rev. Caroly Gibson will be on call. Steve Wendt, our Staff Parish Relations Chair, will have the ability to call either of them, depending on the day of need. Steve's number is 203-371-0126.

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Attendance: September 9 - 46

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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:** Office Open 8:30am - 12:30pm Tuesday - Thursday. At other times please leave a voice mail message. For emergencies, please call Rev. Stinson at numbers listed above.

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### **Rev. James Stinson – Pastor**

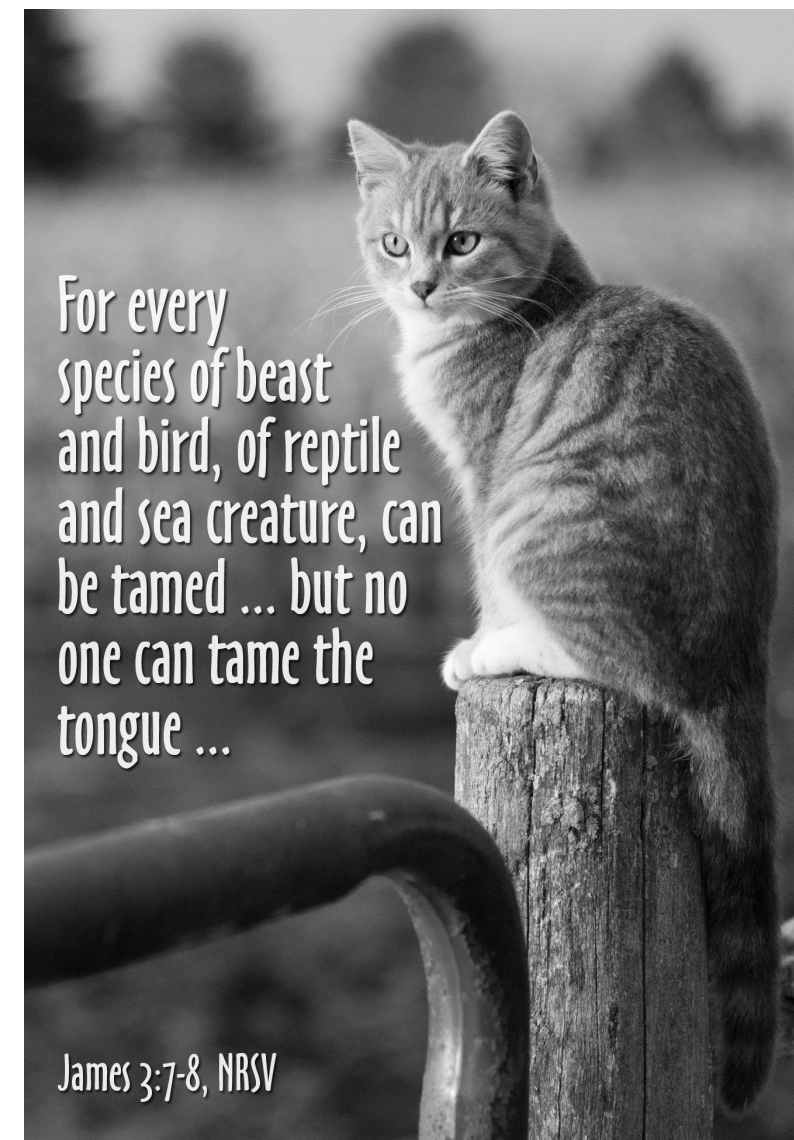
Joseph F. Swindon - Minister of Music  
Michelle Wendt - Church School Superintendent  
Lois Halzack - Administrative Assistant

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."



For every  
species of beast  
and bird, of reptile  
and sea creature, can  
be tamed ... but no  
one can tame the  
tongue ...

James 3:7-8, NRSV

*Jesse Lee United Methodist Church*  
*At Worship*  
*September 16, 2018*  
*10:00 A.M.*