

**Please stand, as able*

PRELUDE

Hymns of the Faith

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 rest our faith on the firm assurance that an eternal God cares for us in all times and places.

People: **Yet there are times that cause us to question that assurance, times that disrupt our stated convictions.**

Leader: We gather today as those who are certain of your presence, and as those who are not. We gather as one, united by a desire to be renewed in our faith, and ever more trusting of God's love.

ALL: We will open ourselves to the Divine presence as we worship our God together.

***HYMN #2051(TFWS)** *ØI Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry*

MORNING PRAYER

O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives. You bring new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, and growth out of difficulty. We thank you that you do not leave us alone but work to make us whole. Help us to see your unseen hand at work in our lives and allow your gentle spirit to guide us.

O God, you know how often we have taken credit for our successes and good moments and how often we have complained to you when things have gone wrong. You know how often we pray for peace as if you alone can make it happen, without our participation in actions in the process. You know how often we speak of justice and freedom from bigotry, racism, and sexism, and phobias of all kinds. You know how often we have not acted to make any of them realities. Forgive us, and lead us in new directions.

Help us as Church, as a congregation, as citizens of a nation and a world, 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 *"Glad in the House of God"* Gillette

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE: Romans 8:31ff; Mark 1:9-13

SERMON *"Who Doesn't?"* Rev. Stinson
PRAYER

HYMN #512 *"Stand by Me"*

OFFERING *"Theme in G"* Handel

DOXOLOGY

***HYMN #663** *"Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name"*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *"Psalm 19"* Marcello

COFFEE HOUR in Bennett Hall

Welcome to Jesse Lee Church:

Find hope, joy, peace and the love of God here.

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

Ushers: Jim Riling, Brian Sideleau
Scripture Reader: Barbara Stinson

Looking Forward

Save these Dates:

November 3: Annual Turkey Dinner

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

THANK YOU to Patty Gelineau, Chairman of the Shredding Event and Colleen Monroe, Chair for the Bake Sale, which took place yesterday. Sincere thanks to everyone who helped in any way. It could not be done without all of you!

SPONSORING ALTAR FLOWERS: If you would like to pay tribute to a loved one or to keep their memory alive, celebrate anniversaries, birthdays graduations or other occasions, a great opportunity is to sponsor flowers for the altar. There is a calendar in the hallway to Bennett Hall for you to choose your special date. Dates are filling quickly so do not delay! Flowers are \$40 and are paid in advance by check to Jesse Lee UMC with altar flowers in the memo line. You can mail your check or put it in the altar plate. After the service the flowers are yours to take home.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Today:

8:45am Choir Rehearsal - Bennett Hall
10:00am Worship Service/Sunday School
11:00am Fellowship Hour in Bennett Hall
1:00pm Laurel & Hardy Lunch & Movie

Monday

9:15am Essentrics Exercise

Tuesday

7:00pm GRASP

Wednesday

9:15am Exercise Class

Thursday

6:30pm Cub Scouts

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

Attendance: September 16 - 31

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

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

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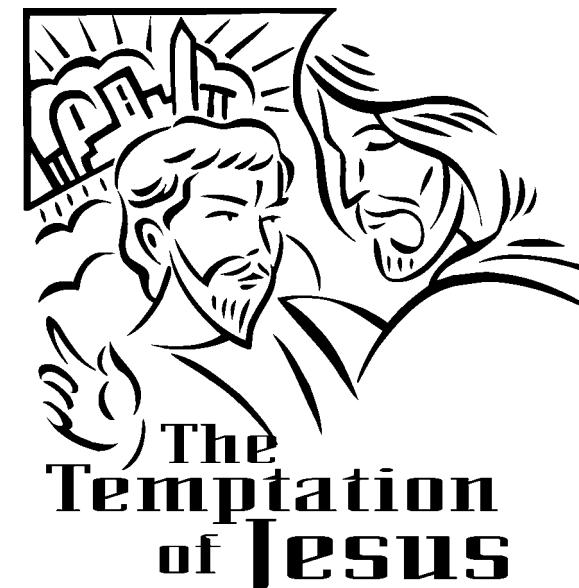
Joseph F. Swindon - Minister of Music
Michelle Wendt - Church School Superintendent
Lois Halzack - Administrative Assistant

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
September 23, 2018
10:00 A.M.