

*\*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: God the Eternal seeks to renew our hearts and spirits.

**People:** We seek now to be renewed, and prepared to live as those who know an Eternal Love.

Leader: God calls us to reflect that Love in all we say and do.

**ALL:** With the Psalmist we ask: **O Lord, open our lips, that our mouths will declare your praise. Create in us clean hearts and put a new spirit within us.** (Based on Psalm 51)

**\*HYMN #158** *“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”*

**MORNING PRAYER**

Eternal God, it was your Spirit, hovering over the waters at the dawning of that first day. It was your Voice echoing through the darkness that brought forth light.

It was your love that birthed humankind...it was your prophets who spoke forth your word...it was Jesus who showed us the depth of a love that will not let us go.

God of life, whose love enfolds us, and spirit fills us...whose sunrise wakes us and sunset amazes us...whose patience humbles us, and touch can heal us...we praise your holy name. (Adapted from Faith and Life, 9/25/18)

We ask, as we affirm all these realities, that you open us to the limits of our humanity and into your presence, into what Jesus knew as the Kingdom of God which was and is a reality in the present moment. Lead us to love one another and to love every person as a sister or brother. Move us from all that separates us, be it envy or the

arrogance of pride, rivalry or anger, racism or sexism, homophobia, or other false distinctions. Cause us to act as one family of humanity.

Open us to truly worship you as we pray for ourselves and for one another. *(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** *"Here, Oh My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"* D. Bonar

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**SCRIPTURE:** Isaiah 43:1-2; I John 4:18

**SERMON** *"Love, Not Fear"* Rev. Stinson  
**PRAYER**

**HYMN #2172 (TFWS).** *"We Are Called"*

**OFFERING** *"Offertory in G major"* Handel

**DOXOLOGY**

**\*HYMN #670** *"Go Forth for God"*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *"Psalm 20"* Marcello

**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 today are given to the glory of God by **Jesse Lee United Methodist Church.**

**Ushers: Jim Riling, Brian Sideleau**  
**Scripture Reader: Jen Berg**

<p><b>Looking Forward</b></p> <p><b><i>Save these Dates:</i></b></p> <p><b>November 3:</b> Annual Turkey Dinner Laura Biafore, Chair</p> <p><b>November 10:</b> Annual Craft Fair 10am - 3pm Carrie June, Chair</p>
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The **ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER** is on November 3. Many volunteers and will be needed. Sign up sheets are posted in Bennett Hall. For more information, please contact Laura Biafore.

**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

### Monday

9:15am Essentrics Exercise  
6:30pm Cub Scouts

### Wednesday

9:15am Exercise Class

### Thursday

4:00pm Council of Churches Clergy

### Friday

9:15am Exercise Class

### Next Sunday:

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

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Attendance: September 23 - 33

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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."



*Jesse Lee United Methodist Church*  
*At Worship*  
*September 30, 2018*  
*10:00 A.M.*