

*\*Please stand, as able*

**PRELUDE** "A Quiet Faith" Logan

*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: Make a joyful noise to God, everyone.  
Worship God with gladness, come and sing in the presence of the Holy.

People: **We are creations of God. We come open to this mystery, offering our thanksgiving and praise.**

ALL: **God is good and because that is so we are loved eternally and part of the mystery. Thanks be to God.**

(based on Psalm 100)

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

### \*MORNING PRAYER

"We, Thy People, Praise Thee." God, lead us to live as we sing. Lead us to praise you and the gift of life, with our deeds, as well as our words.

We seek to live as Jesus taught us by loving you and our neighbors. And yet, in reality, we admit the ways we have fallen short of the goal. We would pick our neighbors according to our desires, our understanding of who we find easy to love. You have called us to love even those with whom we disagree, those whose lifestyles are not our own, those whose values differ from ours. Forgive us for narrowly interpreting the command to love. In that forgiveness, strengthen our faithful resolve to love all you have created, regardless of any difference or personal preference.

We pray for ourselves, for this congregation, and for congregations everywhere as they, and we, seek to be faithful. Especially, we pray for our United Methodist Church as it approaches a crossroads, fraught with peril and possible division. As it wrestles with different interpretations of your Word, lead it to choose love over hate, and unity over division. Enable us to discern your will for it, and to find the strength needed to be faithful to

the call to follow in the way of Jesus. We acknowledge that no one person or group has a monopoly of what it means to be faithful. Forgive us where we have been judgmental with those who disagree with us. Grant us a spirit that is loving and kind, most especially as we maneuver through the crossroads.

Forgive us, and in that forgiveness, call us to a new holiness of purpose as we live lives that reflect the power of Jesus, the power of forgiveness and acceptance, the power of lives changed, the power of knowing our calling and living more and more into your expectations.

Toward that end, even as we pray for others - the hungry, the homeless, those who are despairing or fleeing their homes in search of safety, those who know unbearable suffering and loss, we pray also for this congregation as we seek to live our response to your love and presence in our lives. Strengthen its various ministries, strengthen its members, and all those whose lives have been, and are being, touched by this congregation. May it be a living, practicing, witness to the love we have found through Jesus. We ask these things even as we remember those that are near and dear 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

## TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM "If God is for Us" Larson

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 6:1-8: Luke 5:1-11

SERMON "Who Will Go?" Rev. Stinson

## PRAYER

\*HYMN #593 "Here I Am, Lord"

OFFERTORY "O Worship the King" Doerlson

## \*DOXOLOGY

\*HYMN #344 "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

## BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" McDonald

Everyone is invited and encouraged to share in a time of fellowship at 11AM, depending on when our Worship Service ends.

### 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 Jesse Lee United Methodist Church

Ushers: Kay Delaney, Norm Smith

Scripture Reader: Elisabeth Berg

Acolyte: Jonathan Berg

**TODAY** - Boxes for military and college students

1:30pm - Walking While Black, Golden Hill UMC, Bridgeport, CT

February 12 - 9AM - Brunch for GED students, Mercy Learning Center. Speak to Kim Breda for info on how to be involved.

March 3 - The Way Forward - Sharing implications of Special General Conference, immediately following worship, in Sanctuary, prior to Coffee Hour

March 2(Saturday) - Boy Scouts Troop 66, annual Gourmet Breakfast, Easton Community Center (Tickets available at JLUMC on 2/17 and 2/24)

March 17 - Blanket Sunday - special offering for Church World Service annual drive

## **THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**

### **Today:**

8:45am Choir Rehearsal - Bennett Hall  
10:00am Worship Service/Sunday School  
11:15am Coffee Hour - Bennett Hall  
11:30am Cookie Box Packing

### **Monday**

9:15am Essentrics Exercise Class  
7:00pm PAASD

### **Wednesday**

9:15am Essentrics Exercise

### **Friday**

9:15am Essentrics

### **Next Sunday:**

8:45am Choir Rehearsal - Bennett Hall  
10:00am Worship Service/Sunday School  
11:15am Fellowship in Bennett Hall

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Attendance: February 3 - 54 (Scout Sunday)

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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 morning to:** jesselee.umc@gmail.com **AND** lmhalzack@gmail.com

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*Due to changing needs of the church, Lois is only in office on Wednesday & Thursday. However, Rev. Stinson is always available by phone or email.*

**PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS:** Rev. Stinson in and out of office. He can be reached by email at jstinson4242@aol.com or 203-984-0141(cell)

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** Office Open 8:30am - 12:30pm **Wednesday & Thursday**. At other times please leave a voice mail message. For emergencies, please call Rev. Stinson as 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."

So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.



*Jesse Lee United Methodist Church*  
*At Worship*  
*February 10, 2019*  
*10:00 A.M.*