

*\*Please stand, as able*

**PRELUDE**                    *“a Quiet Reflection”*                    Boesiger

*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: Holy is your name, God in Heaven!

**People: We come to worship today longing for your kingdom come.**

Leader: What is your will in our lives, in our world?

**All: In this hour enlighten us with your word, inspire us with stirring songs, enfold us with your community, embrace us with a vision so strong that we go from here with good news for all people. Amen**

*(“Worship resources in a Mennonite Voice for ears of all kinds.)*

\*HYMN #2170(TFWS)    *“God Made from One Blood”*

### \*MORNING PRAYER

Eternal God, we come aware that we are not always the faithful followers of Jesus we would seek to be. We, as a church and as individuals, have not always been as loving or accepting of all your children as we could be. We have often said one thing and done another, neglecting your great commandment to love you and to love our neighbor. We have often neglected the neighbor we can see and the neighbor we cannot see.

We come this morning seeking a change of heart and mind, seeking to more nearly reflect the Jesus we claim as Lord. Forgive us where we need forgiving. Heal us where we are broken. Strengthen us where we are weak. In all things mold us to your will, rather than to the will of the world.

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 she wrestles with the decisions made at her most recent General Conference. Show yourself once again, to be a God who will make a way where a way is not seen. Keep us from despair and lead us forward in hope. Regardless our differences, renew our faith so that we may do your work of caring for the hungry, the homeless, for those who are in despair, or fleeing their homes in search of safety, and for 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.

*(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    *“O How He Loves You and Me”*                    Kaiser

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 89; Matthew 18:1-9

SERMON                    òI Am Here to be Seenö                    Rev. Stinson

## PRAYER

\*HYMN #2172(TFWS)    *“We Are Called”*

OFFERTORY                    *“Candle on the Water”*                    Kasha

## \*DOXOLOGY

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION #15

*(Beginning with Great Thanksgivinh)*

\*HYMN #670                    *“Go Forth for God”*

## BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE                    *“Come We Who Love the Lord”*                    Wagner

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 **Barbara Stinson** in celebration of **Pastor Jim's birthday** and in **loving memory of Howie Collis**.



**Ushers: Jim Riling, Brian Sideleau**

**Scripture Reader: Patty Gelineau**

**Acolyte: Quinton Haines**

**TODAY - Everyone is asked to stay in their pews after our worship service for a report from Jim on the now concluded special session of the General Conference of the UMC.**

**March 6 (Ash Wednesday) ashes will be offered at Greiser's Coffee and Market from 11:30AM-1:00PM. Come, begin the season of Lent in this cooperative effort to bring the church out of our buildings and into the world. A brief time of prayer and reflection will also be held in our sanctuary at 1:30PM.**

**March 9 - 11:00AM - Memorial Service for William Morris, father of Pam Raskin**

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

**THIS WEEK**

**Today:**

8:45am Choir Rehearsal - Bennett Hall  
10:00am Worship Service/Sunday School  
11:00am Special Report Meeting  
11:15am Coffee Hour - Bennett Hall

**Monday**

9:15am Essentrics Exercise Class  
6:30pm Cub Pack 166

**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 24 - 40

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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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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 öLove the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and your neighbor as yourself.ö



*Jesse Lee United Methodist Church  
At Worship  
March 3, 2019  
10:00 A.M.*