

**Please stand, as able*

PRELUDE *Hymns of Our 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: Come, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

People: Holiness present in the silent pulse of the earth beneath us.

Leader: Holiness present in the beating of the sun and stars.

People: Holiness present in the chorus of life, breathing together, even here in this room.

ALL: God of creation, open us to the beauty in and around us in this hour of worship.

(ōWorship resources in a Mennonite Voice for ears of all kinds.)

***HYMN #88** *“Maker, in Whom We Live”*

***MORNING PRAYER**

Ever loving and forgiving God, we come on this first Sunday in Lent, aware of the ways and times when we have relied on your love and forgiveness. In this new season, open us anew to the life you would have us live, a life lived in unity with all our sisters and brothers, a life that cares for each other. Open us also to our responsibility for our environment, which we have often abused and taken for granted. And God, open us as a church. May our doors open to all, even as your love flows to all. Guide us to be an ever present witness to your will and your word, which we have heard and found in Jesus, whom we seek to follow.

Even as we ask these things, we are aware of how often we have asked, how often we have received, and how often we have not been faithful stewards of all you have

given us. In this time and space, hear our need to be forgiven and grant that forgiveness. As those who know your love, may we become increasingly a grace filled people and living witnesses to your power to change minds and hearts.

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. 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 *“The Solid Rock”* Mote

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 23; Luke 4:1-13

SERMON òThat Ain't Rightö Rev. Stinson

PRAYER

***HYMN #430** *“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”*

OFFERTORY *“Bless This House”* Brahe

***DOXOLOGY and PRAYER**

***HYMN #2153 (TFWS)** *“I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *“All Nature Sings”* L. Smith

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 there to the glory of God by Jesse Lee United Methodist Church.



Ushers: Jim Riling, Brian Sideleau

Scripture Reader: Andree Halcott

Acolyte: Brian Sideleau

TODAY - Blanket Sunday - special offering for Church World Service annual drive

TODAY - St. Patrick's Day Luncheon.

March 24 - Council Meeting

March 24 - The Wednesday Afternoon Musical Club presents "With a Song in His Heart" at the Fairfield Grace UMC. Free, donations accepted for scholarship. Reception to follow. Questions, contact Joanne Kant or Andree Halcott.

March 31 - Worship Committee

THIS WEEK

Today:

8:45am Choir Rehearsal - Bennett Hall
10:00am Worship Service/Sunday School
11:15am St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

Monday

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

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7:00pm District AA

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9:15am Essentrics Exercise

Thursday

6:30pm Cub Scouts

Friday

9:15am Essentrics

Next Sunday:

8:45am Choir Rehearsal - Bennett Hall
10:00am Worship Service/Sunday School
11:15am Fellowship in Bennett Hall
11:30am Church Council Meeting

Attendance March 3 - 42 (March 10 - Service cancelled)

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

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

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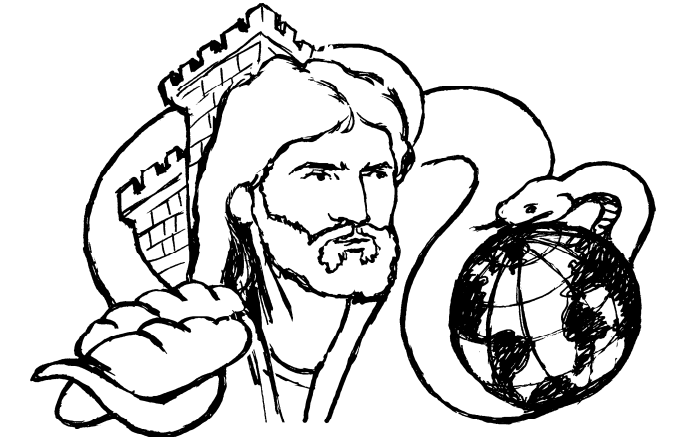
Joseph F. Swindon - Minister of Music
Michelle Wendt - Church School Superintendent
Lois Halzack - Administrative Assistant

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."



**JESUS, FULL OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT...**

**WAS LED BY THE SPIRIT
INTO THE WILDERNESS,**

**WHERE FOR FORTY DAYS
HE WAS TEMPTED
BY THE DEVIL.**

LUKE 4:1-2, NIV

Jesse Lee United Methodist Church

At Worship

March 17, 2019

10:00 A.M.