

**Please stand, as able*

PRELUDE *"Overture, Handel's Messiah"*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT (Joanne Kant, solo) *"Easter Song"* Speaks

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Christ is risen. He is alive and present in our midst.

People: Because he lives, we can face tomorrow,

Leader: because he lives, all fear is gone;

People: because we know he holds the future,

ALL: and life is worth the living just because he lives.

***HYMN #315** *"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"*

MORNING PRAYERS

(Confession)

Forgive us Lord for our apathy, for our lack of courage to speak out.

Forgive us when we walk past and don't offer help.

Forgive us when we get it wrong.

We confess that we are afraid -

We don't want to overcome our doubts and prejudices in order to be alongside those who are different from ourselves.

We ask that you would lead us into action:

Give us strength to be a voice for justice and peace.

Help us to step into another person's shoes, or if they

have no shoes then not to be afraid to take off our own,

peel off our preconceptions and assumptions, uncurl and spread out our toes, and tread in their footprints.

May we be a liberating presence and offer love, compassion and whatever is needed to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with our God. Amen.

(Easter)

When everything seemed dark and it seemed that the sun would never shine again, your love broke through.

Your love was too strong, too wide, too deep for death to hold.

The sparks cast by your love dance and spread and burst forth with resurrection light

Gracious God, we praise you for the light of new life that shone on the first witnesses of resurrection. We praise you for the light of new light that continues to shine in our hearts today.

We pray that the Easter light of life, hope and joy, will live in us each day; and that we will be bearers of that light into the lives of others. Amen

(For others)

God of the Easter promise, we now offer our prayers for those we know and love so much, trusting them to your care. (After each prayer request is read, the respond 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 *"Worthy is the Lamb"* Choplin

SCRIPTURE: Luke 24:1-12

SERMON *"Easter in the Present Tense"* Rev. Stinson

PRAYER

HYMN #310 *"He Lives"*

OFFERING *"Crown Him the Risen King"* Larson

***DOXOLOGY and PRAYER**

***HYMN #302** *"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *"Hallelujah Chorus"* Handel

Please join us in Bennett Hall for fellowship and refreshment following our worship service.

Welcome to Jesse Lee Church:

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

Scripture Reader: John Herlihy

Acolyte: Brian Sideleau

Ushers: Jim Riling, Brian Sideleau

EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The Berg Family in memory of **Klaus Nolle**

The Berg Family in memory of **Irmela Chapp**

Barbara Hamann in memory of **Clark Family Loved Ones**

Barbara Hamann in memory of **Hamann Family Loved Ones**

John & Suzanne Herlihy in honor of **Don & Betty Cornish**

John & Suzanne Herlihy in honor of **John & Mary Herlihy**

Joan & Leland Hoag in honor of **Uncle Walter**

Joanne Kant in honor of **Our Minister**

The LePage Family in honor of **The Swindons**

The Lindeberg Family in memory of **Birgit Lindeberg**

Jennifer, Wayne, Juliet, Amelie, Avery Lin in memory of **Lucy Dodge and Lucy Preston**

Jennifer, Wayne, Juliet, Amelie, Avery Lin in memory of **Elizabeth Preston**

Amy & Foster McKeon

The Rawson Family in memory of **Lois Rawson**

Norm Smith in honor of **Sons Dwight, Blaine, Derek** and in memory of **Marjorie Smith**

Joe, Sue, Tom & MaryAnn Stonoha in memory of **Joseph Stonoha**

Joe, Sue, Tom & MaryAnn Stonoha in honor of **Jeanne Stonoha**

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Today:

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

Monday

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

Tuesday

7:00pm GRASP

Wednesday

9:15am Essentrics Exercise

Friday

9:15am Essentrics Exercise
10:30am Theater Group until 7:30pm Next

Sunday:

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

Attendance: April 14 - 33

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

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday thru Thursday, 8:30am - 12:30pm. Please leave voice mail message when office is closed.

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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 "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
Easter
April 21, 2019
10:00 A.M.*