

*\*Please stand, as able*

**PRELUDE**                    *Hymns of 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: Today is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**People: Let us be glad for this day, for life, for breath, and for freedom of worship.**

Leader: Blessed are you who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People: We come to offer our gift of praise and gratitude to the Creator.**

**\*HYMN #660**            *"God Is Here"*

**MORNING PRAYER**

Ever present, yet ever distant, mystery to whom all life traces its beginning, and to whom all returns, we come this day seeking a greater awareness of your presence in our world and in our lives. We would open ourselves now to feel that presence and to be reassured by it. We know our need for you, for someone to guide us on our journey through life. Without that knowledge we would be lost. We are grateful to be gathered as those who find that presence and that knowledge in Jesus, who taught and modeled your will for our lives.

And so, we affirm once again that Jesus is our guide, our source of truth. As we do so, we are aware of the many ways in which we have strayed from his way. We have not loved as he loved, we have not been an obedient church or people. We have allowed the voices of this world to be heard above your still small voice. We have listened to those who speak hate, to those who would divide your people into camps of we and they. We have sat idly by in the face of hungry, homeless, and

lonely people. We have kept silent, when confronted by voices of exclusion, by voices that speak of others as less than we are, by voices of self-centered concern and vision. In so many ways we have lived as those who have no one to guide them. Forgive us for these things, strengthen us in our resolve to be more faithful in all things. Lead us in all areas of our lives. Lead us as individuals, as members of families, as citizens of a nation and a world, as members of the Church and of this congregation. Lead us to increasingly reflect Jesus in all we say and do.

We pray for others, some of whom we know, and others we do not, hear us as we pray for those who are near and dear to us. *(After each prayer request is read, the response will be: God of Love, hear our prayers.)*

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 OUR CHILDREN**

**ANTHEM**                    *"Lamb of God"*                    Twila Paris

**SCRIPTURE:** Genesis 45:1-15; John 20:20-29

**SERMON**                    *"Don't Stop Dreaming"*                    Rev. Stinson

**PRAYER**

**HYMN #2162 (TFWS)**                    *"Grace Alone"*

**OFFERING**                    *"As the Deer"*                    Martin Nystrom

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*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.



**Acolyte: Quinton Haines**  
**Scripture Reader: Patty Gelineau**  
**Ushers: Jim Riling, Brian Sideleau**

Flowers on the altar this morning are given to the glory of God by **Jesse Lee United Methodist Church.**

Last week, the flowers on the altar were given by **Kay Delaney** in memory of **Robert Delaney.**



**DATES TO SAVE:**

**Sept. 14** - Memorial for Frank Wendt (Steve's father) - Nichols UMC - 10:30am

**Sept. 22** - Sunday School reopens

**Sept. 28** - SHREDDING EVENT - 9am-12pm



**FOR SEPTEMBER 28 SHREDDING:** If you can donate baked goods to be sold, it will help and be appreciated.

**EASTON SENIOR CENTER** silent auction,  
Sept. 16-27 from 8am - 3pm

## **THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**

### **Today:**

10:00am Worship Service  
11:00am Fellowship in Bennett Hall

### **Monday**

9:15am Essentrics Exercise Class

### **Wednesday**

9:15am Essentrics Exercise Class

### **Friday**

9:15am Essentrics Exercise Class

### **Next Sunday:**

10:00am Worship Service  
11:00am Fellowship in Bennett Hall

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Attendance: September 1 - 21

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

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**INFORMATION FOR BULLETIN:** Items for the weekly bulletin should be sent to Lois by **TUESDAY morning:** jesselee.unc@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](mailto:jstinson4242@aol.com) or 203-984-0141(cell)

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** During the summer the office is not open on a regular basis, 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."



**Blessed are those  
who have not seen and yet  
have come to believe.**

John 20:29, NRSV

*Jesse Lee United Methodist Church  
At Worship  
September 8, 2019  
10:00 A.M.*