

*\*Please stand, as able*

**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

**PRELUDE** Hymns of Faith  
(A time to silently prepare for a closer experience of God.)

### \*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.**

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

**\*HYMN #378** *“Amazing Grace”*

## 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 ask these things even as we remember those that are near and dear to us.**

*(As concerns are shared our response will be, “Hear us loving God.”)*

**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** *“Bread of Life”* Russell

**SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 4:1-11

**SERMON** Rev. Hilton

### PRAYER

**HYMN #377** *“It Is Well With My Soul”*

**OFFERING** *“Elegia”* Jenkins

**\*DOXOLOGY**

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**HOLY COMMUNION #13** - The Great Thanksgiving

**\*HYMN #269** *“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”*

### \*BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** *“Adiemus”* K. Jenkins

*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: Jonathan Berg**  
**Scripture Reader: Steve Wendt**  
**Ushers: Jim Riling, Brian Sideleau**  
**Communion Steward: Jen Nolle-Berg**

**Flowers on the Altar are given to The GLORY OF GOD by Jesse Lee United Methodist Church.**

### LOOKING AHEAD:

**Scout Gourmet Breakfast:** Jeffrey Berg and Quinton Haines will be selling tickets to this breakfast after our worship service.

### Until April 1

The Easton Senior Center (650 Morehouse Rd.) will be holding a progressive tag sale until April 1. New and used items, along with gently used clothing. New items are available weekly.

Hours: 8am to 3pm daily.

## **THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**

### **Today:**

8:45am Choir Practice  
10:00am` Worship Service  
11:00am Fellowship in Bennett Hall

### **Monday**

9:15am Essentrics Exercise

### **Wednesday**

9:15a, Essemtrics Exercise

### **Friday**

9:15am Essentrics Exercise

### **Next Sunday:**

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

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Attendance: February 23 - 48

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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.umc@gmail.com **AND** lmhalzack@gmail.com

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**Office is open on Wednesday & Thursday.**

**PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS:** Rev. Stinson is not in office at the present time. He is available by phone or email (1-203-984-0141 or jStinson4242@aol.com).

**NOTE: Until further notice: Emergency pastoral calls should go to Joanne Kant as Lay Leader at: (203)767-0064 or (203)261-9160**

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Office open on Wednesday & Thursday (8:30am-12:30pm). At other times please leave voice mail. For emergencies, call Rev. Stinson at the number 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 òLove 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 1, 2020  
10:00 A.M.*