

Keene Valley Congregational Church United Church of Christ

July 3, 2022





Keene Valley Congregational Church A Welcoming Spiritual Community

Greetings! We are glad you joined us for worship today.

The mission of the Keene Valley Congregational Church, UCC is to welcome people wherever they are on life's journey, joining together in worship and spiritual exploration while striving lovingly to serve others with justice and compassion.

On October 7, 2018 the congregation voted overwhelmingly to become Open and Affirming by embracing the following statement of covenant:

The mission of the Keene Valley Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, is to welcome all people wherever they are on life's journey, joining together in worship and spiritual exploration while striving lovingly to serve with justice and compassion. In order to live more deeply into these values, while understanding that lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning and intersex people are often scorned and discriminated against both in the church and in society, we declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming Church. We covenant to welcome all individuals into the wholeness of the life of the church and to work to end oppression and discrimination wherever we encounter them and to help create the beloved community of God's realm.

On October 10, 2021 the congregation voted unanimously to accept the following statement of covenant to become a Creation Justice Church:

Keene Valley Congregational Church affirms that the global environmental crisis is the most pressing spiritual challenge of human history. This moment calls us to understand our mission statement's charge to, "strive lovingly to serve others with justice and compassion," to broadly include both the human and non-human Creation. As such, we declare our congregation to be a Creation Justice Church. We commit ourselves to thoughtfully engage in acts of compassion to heal the world, mitigate the effects of the environmental crisis, and advocate for justice on behalf of all Creation.

We are thankful for the ways God invites us to journey together!



WE GATHER IN CELEBRATION

MEDITATION

Amy Nelson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOMING MUSIC

Martha Gallagher

***HYMN**

I Woke Up This Morning

#85

OPENING READING

By Kimberlee Anne Tomczak Carlson

It is not by chance that you arrived here today.
You have been looking for something larger than yourself.
Inside of you there is a yearning, a calling, a hope for more,
A desire for a place of belonging and caring.

Through your struggles, someone nurtured you into being,
Instilling a belief in a shared purpose, a common yet precious resource
That belongs to all of us when we share.

And so, you began seeking a beloved community:

A people that does not put fences around love.
A community that holds its arms open to possibilities of love.
A heart-home to nourish your soul and share your gifts.

Welcome home; welcome to worship.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

WE SHARE SACRED CONVERSATION

YOUTH MESSAGE

Henri Jordan

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER

Period of Silent Meditation

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

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 and ever. Amen.

OFFERING

Offertory

Martha Gallagher

Doxology

**To God, all honor and delight,
To Christ revealed in earthly night
To God the Spirit now we raise
Our joyful songs of thankful praise.
Amen.**

Unison Prayer of Dedication

All: God, we pray that you receive these offerings and transform them into extraordinary blessings. Where your children cry, may they be used to bring joy. Where your children have forgotten to care, may they be used to open hearts. Where your children look within, may they be used to invite all of us to look without. Amen.

We move into the Van Santvoord room

SACRED READING

by Thich Nhat Hahn

Eating is a practice. The practice must be nourishing for us, for our bodies, and also our minds. If you eat but you are bound by a hundred strings of worries, anger, irritation, stress, and projects, then these one hundred strings are pulling you in one hundred directions. Your food and your experience of eating will be empty and worthless. So you have to plan properly and have the intention that whenever you eat, you eat in freedom.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Martha Gallagher

COMMUNION

Invitation

Prayer Of Consecration

Sharing Of The Elements

Thanksgiving After The Meal

*HYMN

Hallelujah!

WE RETURN TO THE WORLD

CHARGE

Based On Micah 6:8

One: As we leave our sanctuary today, and meet again the joys and challenges of our lives and of all creation, let us remember what god requires of us throughout the upcoming week:

ALL: To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our god.

BENEDICTION

SENDING MUSIC

Halleluja

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Traditional

Musical notation for the first line of the hymn. It features a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Chords are indicated above the staff: A, E, A, D, Bm, and E. The lyrics are: Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.

Musical notation for the second line of the hymn. It features a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody continues with quarter and eighth notes. Chords are indicated above the staff: A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4 E7, and A. The lyrics are: Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le - lu-ja, hal - le - lu - ja.

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Today's Worship Leadership:

Minister – The Rev. John Sampson Worship Assistant – Naj Wikoff
Ushers – Linda Bogardus & Debbie Mitchell Coffee Hour – Nancy McArthur
Flowers – Alana Both Zoom Administrator – Dave Craig
Guest Musician – Martha Gallagher Accompanist – Amy Nelson

This Week @ KVCC:

Day	Time	Activity
Sunday	7:00 AM 10:00 AM	Centering Prayer – Via Zoom Worship – In-person and via Zoom
Monday	All Day 7:00 AM	Pastor’s Day Off Centering Prayer – Via Zoom
Tuesday	All Day 7:00 AM 6 PM	Pastor’s Day Off Centering Prayer – Via Zoom UACA - VSR
Wednesday	7:00 AM 9:00 AM Noon–2:00 PM	Centering Prayer – Via Zoom Prayer Group Jewelry
Thursday	7:00 AM 8:00- 4:00 PM 10:30 AM 1:00 PM 2:00-4:00 PM 7:00 PM	Centering Prayer – Via Zoom Liz in Office Neighborhood House AA Pastor John in Office EBFA
Friday	7:00 AM 2:00-4:00	Centering Prayer – Via Zoom Pastor John in Office
Saturday	7:00 AM 9:00 AM	Centering Prayer – Via Zoom Faith & Issues – Via Zoom
Sunday	7:00 AM 10:00 AM	Centering Prayer – Via Zoom Worship – In-person and via Zoom