

**Keene Valley Congregational Church
United Church of Christ**

December 4, 2022



A Peaceable Kingdom



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!



Meditation

Wexford Carol

Arr. Hayes

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

Nigh Bethlehem

Burt

Advent Candle Lighting.

***Hymn**

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (verses 1,6,7)

Booklet #3

Advent Prayer

Dear God, we have much to do and we are not sure we will be ready for the day of your coming. In Advent's light, help us to see what is important: to be who you want us to be, and to do what you would have us do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Anthem

Japanese Christmas Carol

Lee

Youth Message

Mission Message

Doug Meyer, Director of Services
Mental Health Assoc of Essex County

Period of Silent Meditation

Joys and Concerns

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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Offering

Offertory

Amazing, Wondrous

***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.

***Hymn**

Let All Mortal Flesh

Booklet # 22



Scripture Isaiah 11:1-10 (The Message)

Reflection A Peaceable Kingdom The Rev. Laurin McArthur

Just a Moment Musical Selection Martha Gallagher

Communion

***Hymn** Let There Be Peace on Earth Insert

***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

Postlude Wonderful Peace Arr. McKibben

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody begins with a dotted quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was

The second system continues the melody. The treble staff features a dotted quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The bass staff continues the accompaniment. The key signature changes to two sharps (F# and C#) in the second measure of this system.

meant to be. *With God our cre - a - tor,

The third system continues the melody. The treble staff features a dotted quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The bass staff continues the accompaniment. The key signature remains two sharps.

chil - dren all are we. Let us

The fourth system continues the melody. The treble staff features a dotted quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The bass staff continues the accompaniment. The key signature changes to one sharp (F#) in the second measure of this system.

walk with each oth - er in per - fect har - mo - ny.

The fifth system concludes the melody. The treble staff features a dotted quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The bass staff continues the accompaniment. The key signature remains one sharp.

Let peace be - gin with me; let this be the mo - ment

now. With ev - ery step I take, let

this be my sol - emn vow: to take each mo - ment and

live each mo - ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me.

Today's Worship Leadership:

Guest Minister – The Rev. Laurin McArthur Worship Assistant – Susy Doolittle
Ushers – Dre Roebuck & Martha Swan Coffee Hour – Pam Gothner & Nancy McArthur
Flowers – Susy Doolittle Zoom Administrator – Dave Craig
Choir Director – Rob Hastings Accompanist – Lynn DeWalt
Bell Choir – Kyle Dudley, Diana House, Anne Hurd, Liz Jaques, Saveliy Ukhlin

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Day	Time	Activity
Sunday	7:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 -12:30 PM	Centering Prayer – Via Zoom Worship – In-person and via Zoom Bell Rehearsal
Monday	7:00 AM	Centering Prayer – Via Zoom
Tuesday	7:00 AM 8:00-Noon	Centering Prayer – Via Zoom Liz in Office
Wednesday	7:00 AM 7:00 PM	Centering Prayer – Via Zoom Choir
Thursday	7:00 AM 8:00- Noon 10:30 AM	Centering Prayer – Via Zoom Liz in Office Neighborhood House
Friday	7:00 AM 9:00 AM 5:30 PM	Centering Prayer – Via Zoom Prayer Group – VSR Pot-Luck Dinner
Saturday	7:00 AM 9:00 AM	Centering Prayer – Via Zoom Faith & Issues – Via Zoom
Sunday	7:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:30-12:30 4:00-6:00 PM	Centering Prayer – Via Zoom Worship – In-person and via Zoom Bell Rehearsal Martha Gallagher – Contemplative Music

