

Keene Valley Congregational Church United Church of Christ

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Great Migration Series: panel 58

Jacob Lawrence

Lifting oneself up again, and again

Aaron Mair



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!



OFFERING

Offertory

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Arr. Koertz

***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.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 46 1-11

REFLECTION

Aaron Mair

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Martha Gallagher

***HYMN**

Let Justice Flow like Streams

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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

POSTLUDE

Come Christians Join And Sing

Arr. Koertz

Today's Worship Leadership:

**Guest Leader – Aaron Mair
Worship Assistant – Pam Gothner
Ushers – Linda Bogardus & Nancy McArthur
Coffee Hour – Susy Doolittle
Zoom Administrator – Dave Craig
Music Director – Rob Hastings
Accompanist – Lynn DeWalt**

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This Week @ KVCC:

Day	Time	Activity
Sunday	7:00 AM 10:00 AM	Centering Prayer – Via Zoom Worship – In-person and via Zoom
Monday	7:00 AM	Centering Prayer – Via Zoom
Tuesday	7:00 AM -----	Centering Prayer – Via Zoom Office Closed
Wednesday	7:00 AM	Centering Prayer – Via Zoom
Thursday	7:00 AM -----	Centering Prayer – Via Zoom Office Closed
Friday	7:00 AM 9:00 AM	Centering Prayer – Via Zoom Prayer Group - VSR
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