

Keene Valley Congregational Church United Church of Christ

August 7, 2022



More Than Enough



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

Thomas O'Dell

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOMING MUSIC

Jasmine Rodriguez – Soprano
Thomas O'Dell - Accompanist

*HYMN

Not my Brother, Not My Sister

#519

OPENING READING

by Erika A. Hewitt

As we enter into worship, put away the pressures of the world
That ask us to perform, to take up masks, to put on brave fronts.

Silence the voices that ask you to be perfect.

This is a community of compassion and welcoming.
You do not have to do anything to earn the love contained in these walls.

You do not have to be braver, smarter, stronger, better
Than you are in this moment to belong here, with us.

You only have to bring the gift of your body, no matter how able;
Your seeking mind, no matter how busy;
Your animal heart, no matter how broken.

Bring all that you are, and all that you love, to this hour together.

Let us worship together.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

WE SHARE SACRED CONVERSATION

YOUTH MESSAGE

Henri Jordan

SPECIAL MUSIC

Jasmine Rodriguez
Thomas O'Dell

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

Thomas O'Dell

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**

I Come With Joy

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We move outside

SACRED READING

2 Kings 4:42 – 44

REFLECTION

More Than Enough

The Rev. John Sampson

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

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	Pastor’s Day Off Centering Prayer – Via Zoom
Wednesday	7:00 AM 9:00 AM	Centering Prayer – Via Zoom Prayer Group
Thursday	7:00 AM 8:00- 4:00 PM 10:30 AM 1:00 PM 2:00-4:00 PM	Centering Prayer – Via Zoom Liz in Office Neighborhood House AA Pastor John in Office
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

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Today’s Worship Leadership:

**Minister – The Rev. John Sampson Worship Assistant – Debby Rice
Ushers – Leslie & Larry Shipp Coffee Hour – Larson/Hoffman Family
Flowers – Charlotte Lichtenberg Zoom Administrator – Dave Craig
Guest Soloist– Jasmine Rodriguez Accompanist – Thomas O’Dell**