

**Keene Valley Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
May 11, 2025**



Mother Shepherd

WE GATHER IN CELEBRATION

MEDITATION

WELCOME

WELCOMING MUSIC

Give Light

Artzner

HYMN

Come O Fount of Every Blessing

OPENING READING

The Message by Eugene H. Peterson

Psalm 23

GOD, my shepherd! I don't need a thing.

You have bedded me down in lush meadows, you find me quiet pools to drink from.

True to your word, you let me catch my breath and send me in the right direction.

Even when the way goes through Death Valley, I'm not afraid when you walk at my side.

Your trusty shepherd's crook makes me feel secure.

You serve me a six-course dinner right in front of my enemies.

You revive my drooping head; my cup brims with blessing.

Your beauty and love chase after me every day of my life.

I'm back home in the house of GOD for the rest of my life.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Lighting the Candle of Peace

Greeting Each Other in Peace

WE SHARE SACRED CONVERSATION

ANTHEM

The 23rd Psalm

McFerrin

YOUTH MESSAGE

The Rev. Laurin McArthur

PRAYER

Period of Silent Meditation

Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

All: 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

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Doxology

**All: 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

John 10: 22-30

REFLECTION

Mother Shepherd

JUST A MOMENT MUSICAL SELECTION

Martha Gallagher

WE RETURN TO THE WORLD

HYMN

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Me

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.

POSTLUDE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 400

1. Come, thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my heart to
 2. Here I raise mine Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con -

sing thy grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
 help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good plea - sure,
 strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter,

call for songs of loud - est praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious
 safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
 bind my wan - dering heart to thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord, I

son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! I'm
 stran - ger, wan - dering from the fold of God; he, to res - cue
 feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O

fixed up - on it, mount of thy re - deem - ing love.
 me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

This Week @ KVCC

Day	Time	Activity
Sunday	7:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:15 AM	Centering Prayer - Via Zoom Worship - In-person and via Zoom Peacemakers Circle
Monday	7:00 AM	Centering Prayer - Via Zoom
Tuesday	7:00 AM 8:00-Noon 9:00 AM	Centering Prayer - Via Zoom Liz in Office Book Discussion – VSR
Wednesday	7:00 AM 3:30 PM 4:30 PM	Centering Prayer - Via Zoom Bells Choir
Thursday	7:00 AM	Centering Prayer - Via Zoom
Friday	7:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Centering Prayer - Via Zoom Prayer Group Neighborhood House
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

Images

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Today's Worship Leadership:

Minister – The Rev. Laurin McArthur

Worship Assistant – Jo Husslein

Ushers – Anne Hurd & Howard Husslein

Coffee Hour – Carol & Jimm Blakeslee-Collin

Flowers – Alana Both

Music Director – Rob Hastings

Accompanist – Lynn Dewalt

Zoom Administrators – Cedar Jones

Child Care – Henrietta Jordan

Bulletin Formation – Liz Jaques

Procurement of Ushers/Worship Assistants – Merle Tanis

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