

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

October 31, 2021



We Remember Them



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.

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

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WE GATHER IN CELEBRATION

Meditation

Welcome & Announcements

Welcoming Music

Spirit of Life

Opening Reading

Adapted from Roland B. Gittelsohn

In the rising of the sun and in its
Going down, we remember them.

In the blowing of the wind and in
The chill of winter, we remember them.

In the opening of buds and in the
Rebirth of spring, we remember them.

In the blueness of the sky and in
The warmth of summer, we remember them.

In the rustling of leaves and in the
Beauty of autumn, we remember them.

In the beginning of the year and
When it ends, we remember them.

When we are weary and in need of
Strength, we remember them.

When we are lost and sick at
Heart, we remember them.

When we have joys we yearn to
Share, we remember them.

So long as we live, they too shall
Live, for they are now a part of us,
As we remember them.

Passing of the Peace

WE SHARE SACRED CONVERSATION

Youth Message

Karen Glass

Anthem

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.

Anthem

Be Still My Soul

Scripture

Psalm 23

Reflection

We Remember Them

The Rev. John Sampson

Hymn

Shall We Gather At the River

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

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Minister– Rev. John Sampson
Worship Assistant – Ethel Webb
Ushers – Susan Lacy & Naj Wikoff
Flowers – Alana Both
Zoom Administrator – David Craig
Music Director – Rob Hastings
Accompanist – Lynn DeWalt

Sunday	Worship	10:00 AM
Monday	Pastor's Day Off Mother's Out Front	----- 5:00-7:00 PM
Tuesday	NO Liz in Office Book Discussion	----- 7:00 PM
Wednesday		
Thursday	NO Liz in Office Pastor in Office Book Discussion – Zoom	----- 2-4 PM 7:00 PM
Friday	Pastor's Day Off Prayer Group	9:00 AM
Saturday	Pastor's Day Off Faith & Issues	----- 9:00 AM
Sunday	Worship	10:00 AM

Covenant of 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.

Shall We Gather at the River

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Robert Lowry, 1864; alt.

Rev. 22:1-5

1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
3 As we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - ery bur - den down;
4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;

with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er,

Gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.