

Keene Valley Congregational Church United Church of Christ

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A Sacred Calling



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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UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

MUSIC MEDITATION

Amazing Grace

Arr. by Phillip Keveren

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Beach Spring

Arr. by Phillip Keveren

HYMN

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 103:1 – 2, 13 – 14, 17

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,

Many: Bless his holy name.

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

Many: And do not forget all his benefits—

One: As a father has compassion for his children,

Many: So the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

One: For he knows how we were made;

Many: He remembers that we are dust.

One: But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting
on those who fear him,

Many: And his righteousness to children's children,

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC

Arioso from Harpsichord Concerto No.5
Ann Alton, Cello

J.S. Bach

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, for ever. Amen

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Sarabande from Suite No.1
Ann Alton, Cello

J.S. Bach

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

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

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You



SCRIPTURE

Matthew 1:18 – 25

REFLECTION

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Joseph Koehring
Laurin McArthur
Rylee Robinson
Rev. John Sampson

HYMN

God Be With You

CHARGE

based on Micah 6:8

One: As we leave this sanctuary today, 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

The Ash Grove

Arr. by Phillip Keveren