

# Keene Valley Congregational Church United Church of Christ

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Abide in My Love



## 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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**MEDITATION**

"Intermezzo" Op. 118 No. 2

Johannes Brahms

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WELCOMING MUSIC**

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

**OPENING READING**

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 within 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**

**YOUTH MESSAGE**

Henri Jordan

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

"Sing Praise to the Spirit"

Kathryn Donovan Wiegand

**PRAYER**

**PERIOD OF SILENT MEDITATION**

*\* PLEASE STAND IF ABLE*

## **PRAYERS AND LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses)**

**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**

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

"Mercy I Desire"

Kathryn Donovan Wiegand

### **SCRIPTURE**

John 15:9 – 12

### **REFLECTION**

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Rev. John Sampson

### **COMMUNION**

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing of the Elements

Thanksgiving After the Meal

### **\*HYMN**

### **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**

"Adagio Cantabile"

Ludwig van Beethoven



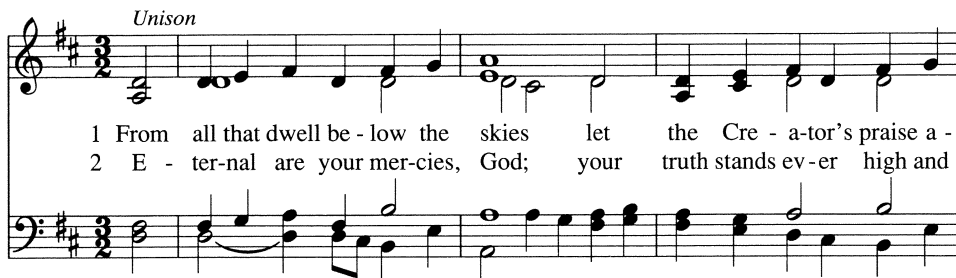
# From All That Dwell below the Skies

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Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

Ps. 117

*Unison*



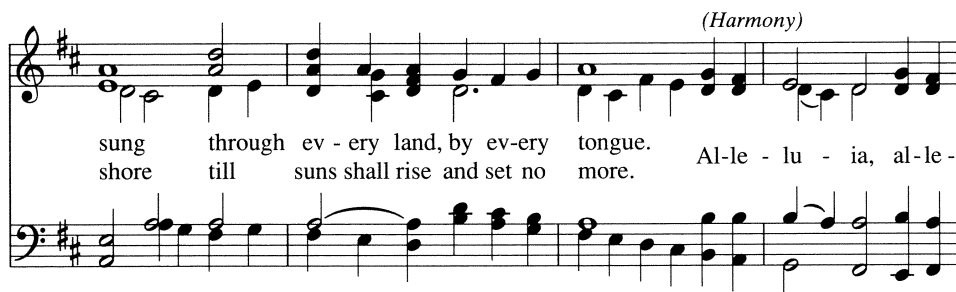
1 From all that dwell be-low the skies let the Cre-a-tor's praise a-  
2 E-ter-nal are your mer-cies, God; your truth stands ev-er high and

*(Harmony)* *(Unison)*



rise; Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Let the Re-deem-er's name be  
broad: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Your praise shall sound from shore to

*(Harmony)*



sung through ev-ery land, by ev-ery tongue. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-  
shore till suns shall rise and set no more.

*(Unison)*



lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

