Keene Valley Congregational Church United Church of Christ

October 27, 2024



Choosing to Bless

WE GATHER IN CELEBRATION

MEDITATION

WELCOME

WELCOMING MUSIC Make Me A Channel of Your Peace Temple

*HYMN Come, O Thankful People, Come #422

OPENING READING "What Does It Mean to Bless?" Eric Williams

What does it mean to bless?
To bless does not mean
Saying magical words
Changing the mind of God
Or altering the course of the cosmos.

To bless does mean Reminding each other of our gifts Remembering the wisdom that is within us And recalling our common purpose.

The choices we make and the work we do Are how we bless each other and the world. May the words we say And the songs we sing Name the wholeness we are And still yet seek.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Lighting the Candle of Peace

Greeting Each Other in Peace

WE SHARE SACRED CONVERSATION

ANTHEM

How Lovely Are the Messengers

Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

YOUTH MESSAGE Karen Glass

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 Mark 10:46 – 52

REFLECTION Choosing to Bless

JUST A MOMENT MUSICAL SELECTION

Martha Gallagher

WE RETURN TO THE WORLD

*HYMN This Is My Song #591

*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.

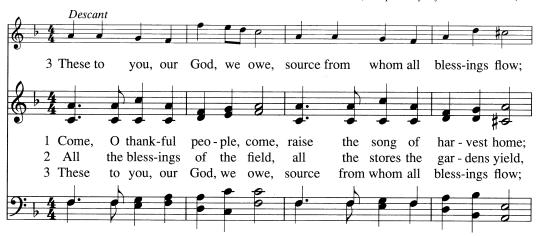
*BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC

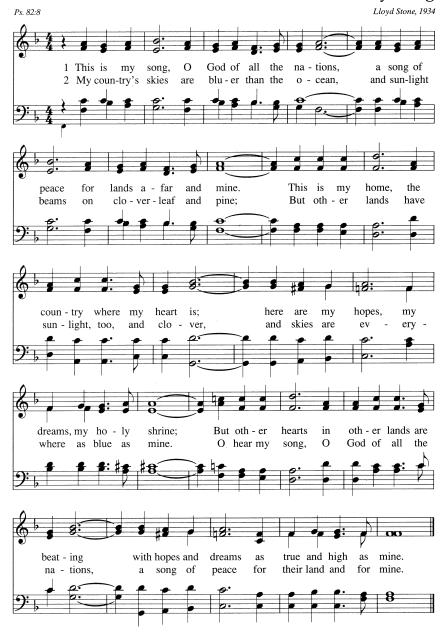
Come, O Thankful People, Come

Exod. 23:16

St. 1, Henry Alford, 1844; alt. St. 2, Anna Laetitia Aiken Barbauld, 1772; alt. St. 3, composite of Alford and Barbauld; alt.







Today's Worship Leadership:

Minister – The Rev. John Sampson
Worship Assistant – Pam Gothner
Ushers – Lorraine Duvall & Anne Hurd
Flowers – Alana Both
Coffee Hour – Linda & Andre D'Avignon
Music Director – Rob Hastings
Accompanist – Lynn DeWalt
Zoom Administrators – Jimm Collin & Fritz Sabbow
Child Care – Henrietta Jordan
Bulletin Formation – Liz Jaques
Procurement of Ushers/Worship Assistants – Merle Tanis

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This Week @ KVCC

Day	Time	Activity
Sunday	7:00 AM	Centering Prayer - Via Zoom
	10:00 AM	Worship - In-person and via Zoom
	11:15 AM	AMS Report to Congregation
Monday	7:00 AM	Centering Prayer - Via Zoom
		Pastor's Day Off
Tuesday	7:00 AM	Centering Prayer - Via Zoom
	9:00 AM	Book Discussion – Via Zoom
	1:00-3:00 PM	Pastor John in Office
Wednesday	7:00 AM	Centering Prayer - Via Zoom
	4:30 PM	Choir
Thursday	7:00 AM	Centering Prayer - Via Zoom
	8:00-Noon	Liz in Office
	10:30 AM	Neighborhood House - In person
	1:00-3:00 PM	Pastor John in Office
Friday	7:00 AM	Centering Prayer - Via Zoom
	9:00 AM	Prayer Group
Saturday	7:00 AM	Centering Prayer - Via Zoom
		Pastor's Day Off
	9:00 AM	Faith & Issues - via Zoom
Sunday	7:00 AM	Centering Prayer - Via Zoom
	10:00 AM	Worship - In person and via Zoom
		Jenifer Deming – Guest Minister

Images:

1st Image: Wooden ballot box, National Museum of American History.

2nd Image: Choose Love Over Fear, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-

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