

**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

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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.*

Descant

3 These to you, our God, we owe, source from whom all bless-ings flow;

1 Come, O thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home;

2 All the bless-ings of the field, all the stores the gar-dens yield,

3 These to you, our God, we owe, source from whom all bless-ings flow;

and for these our songs we raise, grate - ful vows and sol - emn praise.

all is safe - ly gath - ered in as the win - ter storms be - gin;
 all the fruits in full sup - ply, rip - ened 'neath the sum - mer sky,
 and for these our songs we raise, grate - ful vows and sol - emn praise.

Come, then, thank - ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home;

God our Mak - er does pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied;
 All that spring with boun - teous hand scat - ters o'er the smil - ing land,
 Come, then, thank - ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home;

come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.

come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
 all that lib - eral au - tumn pours from its rich o'er - flow - ing stores,
 come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions, a song of
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean, and sun - light

peace for lands a - far and mine. This is my home, the
beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine; But oth - er lands have

coun - try where my heart is; here are my hopes, my
sun - light, too, and clo - ver, and skies are ev - ery -

dreams, my ho - ly shrine; But oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are
where as blue as mine. O hear my song, O God of all the

beat - ing with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
na - tions, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

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 10:00 AM 11:15 AM	Centering Prayer - Via Zoom Worship - In-person and via Zoom AMS Report to Congregation
Monday	7:00 AM -----	Centering Prayer - Via Zoom Pastor's Day Off
Tuesday	7:00 AM 9:00 AM 1:00-3:00 PM	Centering Prayer - Via Zoom Book Discussion – Via Zoom Pastor John in Office
Wednesday	7:00 AM 4:30 PM	Centering Prayer - Via Zoom Choir
Thursday	7:00 AM 8:00-Noon 10:30 AM 1:00-3:00 PM	Centering Prayer - Via Zoom Liz in Office Neighborhood House - In person Pastor John in Office
Friday	7:00 AM 9:00 AM	Centering Prayer - Via Zoom Prayer Group
Saturday	7:00 AM ----- 9:00 AM	Centering Prayer - Via Zoom Pastor's Day Off Faith & Issues - via Zoom
Sunday	7:00 AM 10:00 AM	Centering Prayer - Via Zoom 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-imagelink.pl?RC=57046> [retrieved October 9, 2024]. Original source: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/elycefeliz/2933463061> - elycefeliz.

