

# Keene Valley Congregational Church United Church of Christ

March 23, 2025



**The Tree of Life**

## WE GATHER IN CELEBRATION

### MEDITATION

Be With Me  
Jo Ann & Howard Husslein

Marty Haugen

### WELCOME

### WELCOMING MUSIC

On A Hill Far Away

Bennard

### HYMN

Plenty Good Room

Plenty good room,  
Plenty good room,  
Good room in my father's kingdom.

Plenty good room,  
Plenty good room,  
Just choose your seat and sit down.

### SHARED CONFESSION

adapted from Beth Merrill Neel

**Holy God, Lord of love:**

**For not singing when we are joyful;  
For not shouting to the world the good that you do;  
For not trusting the love that surrounds us;  
For not enacting the justice you call us to;  
For not believing the Good News is meant for all:**

**Forgive us.**

**Encourage us and change us.  
Help us and inspire us,  
that we, like Mary, will magnify you, and rejoice in God our Savior.**

**Amen.**

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**Lighting the Candle of Peace**

**Greeting Each Other in Peace**

## **A TIME OF CELEBRATION**

Meditation Group  
Erica Swift and Paul Osenbaugh

## **WE SHARE SACRED CONVERSATION**

**ANTHEM**

Show Me Thy Ways

Petz

**YOUTH MESSAGE**

The Rev. John Sampson

**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

Luke 13:6 – 9

## REFLECTION

The Tree of Life

## JUST A MOMENT MUSICAL SELECTION

Martha Gallagher

## WE RETURN TO THE WORLD

## HYMN

Jesus, Remember Me

## 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

Let Justice Roll  
Jo Ann & Howard Husslein

Marty Haugen

Chord progression: Eb, Fm/Eb, Bb, Eb

Jesus, remember me when you come in to your kingdom.

5 Chord progression: Cm, Fm/Ab, Bb, Eb

Jesus, remember me when you come in to your kingdom.

## This Week @ KVCC

<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:15 AM</b>	<b>Centering Prayer - Via Zoom Worship - In-person and via Zoom Peacemakers Circle</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:00 AM -----</b>	<b>Centering Prayer - Via Zoom Pastor's Day Off</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:00 AM ----- 9:00 AM 1:00-3:00 PM 5:00 PM</b>	<b>Centering Prayer - Via Zoom Liz OUT of Office Book Discussion – Via Zoom Pastor John in Office Council – via Zoom</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00 AM 3:30 4:30 PM</b>	<b>Centering Prayer - Via Zoom Bells Choir</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 AM 8:00-Noon 10:30 AM 1:00-3:00 PM</b>	<b>Centering Prayer - Via Zoom Liz in Office Neighborhood House - In person Pastor John in Office</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7:00 AM 9:00 AM</b>	<b>Centering Prayer - Via Zoom Prayer Group</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7:00 AM ----- 9:00 AM</b>	<b>Centering Prayer - Via Zoom Pastor's Day Off Faith &amp; Issues - via Zoom</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7:00 AM 10:00 AM</b>	<b>Centering Prayer - Via Zoom Worship - In person and via Zoom</b>

Images:

1st Image: "The Tree of Life" by Henri Matisse

2nd Image: "Christ the True Vine" by Leos Moskos.

3<sup>rd</sup> Image: "Third Station" from the Stations of the Cross series by Barnett Newman

**Today's Worship Leadership:**

**Minister – The Rev. John Sampson**

**Worship Assistant – Naj Wikoff**

**Ushers – Lorraine Duvall & Robert Rokos**

**Flowers – Alana Both**

**Coffee Hour – Susan Lacy & Charlotte Lichtenberg**

**Music Director – Rob Hastings**

**Zoom Administrators – Cedar Jones**

**Child Care – Henrietta Jordan**

**Bulletin Formation – Liz Jaques**

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