**Community Congregational Church of Clinton Heights, UCC**

**January 15, 2023**

**Rev. Kathy Johnson**

**Welcome**

**No matter who you are or where you on life’s journey, you are welcome here!**

**Call to Worship, from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.:**

One: Darkness cannot drive out darkness

**ALL: Only light can do that.**

One: Hate cannot drive out hate

**ALL: Only love can do that. Amen.**

*(As many as you need)*

**Opening Prayer: Dear Holy Spirit, enter this beautiful space, in this time. Enter our lives through our breath. Enter our minds as we contemplate this day. Enter our souls as we move closer to you, as we grow in your love, as we become the people we hope that we are.**

**Amen.**

**\*Hymn –** Here I Am Lord, 452

**Children’s Sermon**

**Scripture Readings:** Psalm 40:1-11

**\*Hymn -** Ancient Words

**Sermon: Reuse, Reduce, Recycle.. and Repent?**

**Prayers for others and ourselves**

**Lord’s Prayer** (using debts/debtors)

**\*Hymn -** Spirit, 249

**Offering**

**\*Doxology**

**\*Hymn -** Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee, 2

**Announcements**

**Commission and Benediction Postlude**

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2) Click on the **Donate Now** button,

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Scripture

Psalm 40:1-11  
40:1 I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.  
  
40:2 He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.  
  
40:3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.  
  
40:4 Happy are those who make the LORD their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.  
  
40:5 You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.  
  
40:6 Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.  
  
40:7 Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me.  
  
40:8 I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."  
  
40:9 I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.  
  
40:10 I have not hidden your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.  
  
40:11 Do not, O LORD, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.