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

**January 22, 2023**

**Rev. Kathy Johnson**

**Welcome**

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

**Call to Worship, The Gifts of Wisdom, From Proverbs 8**

One:Does not Wisdom call and understanding raise her voice?

**All: Thank you, Wisdom, for your gifts!**One:O simple ones, learn prudence; acquire intelligence, you who lack it.

**All: Thank you, Wisdom, for your gifts!**One:Hear, for my mouth will utter truth; wickedness is an abomination to my lips.

**All: Thank you, Wisdom, for your gifts!**One:Take my instruction instead of silver and knowledge rather than choice gold,

**All: Thank you, Wisdom, for your gifts!**One:for Wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.

**All: Thank you, Wisdom, for your gifts!**One:I, wisdom, live with prudence, and I attain knowledge and discretion.

**All: Thank you, Wisdom, for your gifts!**One:I have good advice and sound wisdom; I have insight; I have strength.

**All: Thank you, Wisdom, for your gifts!**One:I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me.

**All: Thank you, Wisdom, for your gifts!**One:My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold, and my yield than choice silver.

**All: Thank you, Wisdom, for your gifts!**One:I walk in the way of righteousness, along the paths of justice.

**All: Thank you, Wisdom, for your gifts! Amen.**

**Opening Prayer: All That Is, Was, and Will Be, fill our hearts with the gifts of Wisdom, which you created before the land we walk upon. During our time together, help us open our minds so that we may understand the Wisdom that we seek, and that you wish us to obtain. May our hearts be filled with gratitude and our souls be receptive to these gifts of the Holy Spirit. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.**

**\*Hymn – All Are Welcome**

**Children’s Sermon: God Went To India**

**Scripture Readings: Proverbs 8: 22-36**

**\*Hymn -** Ancient Words

**Sermon: Hide and Seek**

**Prayers for others and ourselves**

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

**\*Hymn - Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing, 16**

**Offering**

**\*Doxology**

**\*Hymn – O For The World, 683**

**Announcements**

**Commission and Benediction Postlude**

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**Scripture, Proverbs 8:22-36 Wisdom’s Part in Creation**

**22**“The Lord created me at the beginning[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs%208&version=NRSVUE#fen-NRSVUE-16625a)] of his work,the first of his acts of long ago.
**23**Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
**24**When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.
**25**Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth,
**26**when he had not yet made earth and fields or the world’s first bits of soil.
**27**When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
**28**when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep,
**29**when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
**30**then I was beside him, like a master worker, and I was daily his delight, playing before him always,
**31**playing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

**32**“And now, my children, listen to me: happy are those who keep my ways.
**33**Hear instruction and be wise, and do not neglect it.
**34**Happy is the one who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting beside my doors.
**35**For whoever finds me finds life and obtains favor from the Lord,
**36**but those who miss me injure themselves; all who hate me love death.”