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

**January 29, 2023**

**Rev. Kathy Johnson**

**Welcome**

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

**Call to Worship**

One: Let us come together this day in this sanctuary, as one.

**All: May we be blessed; may we know our blessings.**

One: Let us begin our time of worship by speaking as one.

**All: May we be blessed; may we know our blessings.**

One: Let us know that we are loved, individually, unconditionally.

**All: May we be blessed; may we know our blessings.**

One: May we be healed, body, mind and soul through our worship.

**All: May we be blessed; may we know our blessings. Amen.**

**Opening Prayer: Dear One, we are blessed. With every breath, we are blessed. With every thought, we are blessed. With every word, we are blessed. Through your love and wisdom, may we understand and feel all blessings given to us, so that we may in turn, bless others. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.**

**\* Hymn: He Leadeth Me, 545**

**Children’s Sermon: God Got a Dog**

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**Scripture Readings: Matthew 5: 1-12**

**\*Hymn -** Ancient Words

**Sermon: Beautiful Beatitudes**

**\* Hymn: Be Thou My Vision, 595**

**Prayers for others and ourselves**

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

**Offering**

**\*Doxology**

**\*Hymn: Trust and Obey, 556**

**Announcements**

**Commission and Benediction Postlude**

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Scripture Reading

**Matthew 5:1-12**
5:1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.
5:2 Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
5:3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
5:4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5:5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
5:6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
5:7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
5:8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
5:9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
5:10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
5:11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
5:12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.