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

**February 19, 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: Like empty jars, we have come to be filled.

**All: Like ornamental candles, we have come to be set ablaze.**

One: Like aged wine in a cask we have come to be poured out.

**All: Like weary travelers, we have come to find rest.**

One: Like lovers drifted apart, we have come to be reconciled.

**All: Like little children, we have come to be surprised!**

One: Hear the word of God and make your reply:

“My heart has heard you say,

‘Come and talk with me, O my people!’!”

**All: And my heart responds, “God I am coming!” Amen.**

**Opening Prayer:**

**Invisible God, give us hearts to see the things our eyes overlook.**

**Open our hearts to feel the things our hands can’t touch.**

**Open our hearts to hear the still, small voice which sounds like only silence to our listening ears.**

**Teach us to know you for what you really are – not flash and thunder, but love, softly spoken, flowing like a fountain, bathing the soul and the skin.**

**In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.**

**\*Hymn – I Love to Tell the Story, 480**

**Children’s Sermon**

# Scripture Readings: Matthew 17: 1-9

**\*Hymn -** Ancient Words

**Sermon: The Many Faces of Jesus**

**Prayers for others and ourselves**

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

**\*Hymn – Tell me the Stories of Jesus, 190**

**Offering**

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

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# Matthew 17: 1-9

# New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

### The Transfiguration

**17**Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. **2**And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. **3**Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. **4**Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+17&version=NRSVUE#fen-NRSVUE-23705a)] will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

**5**While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved;[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+17&version=NRSVUE#fen-NRSVUE-23706b)] with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” **6**When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. **7**But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” **8**And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

**9**As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”