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

**March 19, 2023**

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**Welcome**

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

**Call to Worship** **Ephesians 5:8-14**  
One: For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light-  
**All: for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.**One: Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord.  
**All: Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.**One: For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly;  
**All: but everything exposed by the light becomes visible,**One: for everything that becomes visible is light.

**All: Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."**

**Amen.**

**Opening Prayer: Dear One, That which is, Was, and Always will be, help us this morning to wake up from our slumber. Help us to see the light, Your Light of this new morning. May we now begin to let go of our clinging sufferings, to make room in our heart for Your Love, as it fills us with Your Light. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.**

**\*Hymn – Be Thou My Vision, 595**

**Children’s Sermon – The Lord is my Shephard**

**Scripture Readings: Psalm 23**

**\*Hymn -** Ancient Words

**Sermon: Just Let It Go**

**Prayers for others and ourselves**

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

**\*Hymn - Blessed Assurance, 543**

**Offering**

**\*Doxology**

**\*Hymn – He Leadeth Me, 545**

**Announcements**

**Commission and Benediction Postlude**

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### Psalm 23

### The Divine Shepherd

#### A Psalm of David.

**1**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
**2**    He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm+23++&version=NRSVUE#fen-NRSVUE-14238a)]  
**3**    he restores my soul.[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm+23++&version=NRSVUE#fen-NRSVUE-14239b)]  
He leads me in right paths[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm+23++&version=NRSVUE#fen-NRSVUE-14239c)]  
    for his name’s sake.

**4**Even though I walk through the darkest valley,[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm+23++&version=NRSVUE#fen-NRSVUE-14240d)]  
    I fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
    your rod and your staff,  
    they comfort me.

**5**You prepare a table before me  
    in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
    my cup overflows.  
**6**Surely[[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm+23++&version=NRSVUE#fen-NRSVUE-14242e)] goodness and mercy[[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm+23++&version=NRSVUE#fen-NRSVUE-14242f)] shall follow me  
    all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
    my whole life long.[[g](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm+23++&version=NRSVUE#fen-NRSVUE-14242g)]

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