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

**May 14, 2023**

**Rev. Kathy Johnson**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship, from Psalm 66: 16-20**

One: All believers, come here and listen,

**All: let me tell you what God did for me.**One: I called out to him with my mouth,  
**All: my tongue shaped the sounds of music.**One: If I had been cozy with evil,  
**All: the Lord would never have listened.**One: But he most surely *did* listen,  
**All: he came on the double when he heard my prayer.**One: Blessed be God: he didn’t turn a deaf ear,  
**All: he stayed with me, loyal in his love. Amen.**

**Opening Prayer: Dear Mother-Father God, On this Mother’s Day, we honor you, our Mother, Creator of All That Is. Your deep love for us surpasses all understanding, surpasses all earthly love as we know it, and surpasses all constraints of time and space. Today, in this service, we honor all who identify as women, who have either been mothers, or had mothers. We all care deeply for each other, as your son Jesus the Christ has shown us. We act as you would have us act, with the deep compassion of a loving mother. Amen.**

**Hymn – O for a World, 683**

**Children’s Sermon: Motherly Love**

**Scripture Readings:** John 14:15-21

**Hymn -** Ancient Words

**Sermon:** Swimming in God’s Love

**Hymn – They Will Know We are Christians, 494**

**Prayers for others and ourselves**

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

**Offering**

**Doxology**

**Hymn – Pass It On, 477**

**Announcements**

**Commission and Benediction Postlude**

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John 14:15-21

**15-17**“If you love me, show it by doing what I’ve told you. I will talk to the Father, and he’ll provide you another Friend so that you will always have someone with you. This Friend is the Spirit of Truth. The godless world can’t take him in because it doesn’t have eyes to see him, doesn’t know what to look for. But you know him already because he has been staying with you, and will even be *in* you!

**18-20**“I will not leave you orphaned. I’m coming back. In just a little while the world will no longer see me, but you’re going to see me because I am alive and you’re about to come alive. At that moment you will know absolutely that I’m in my Father, and you’re in me, and I’m in you.

**21**“The person who knows my commandments and keeps them, that’s who loves me. And the person who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and make myself plain to him.”

