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

**May 21, 2023, 2023**

**Rev. Kathy Johnson**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship, Psalms 68:32-35**

One: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
**All: sing praises to the Lord**One:O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens;
**All: listen, God sends out God’s voice, this mighty voice.**One: Ascribe power to God,
**All: whose majesty is over our land and whose power is in the skies.**One: Awesome is God in this sanctuary,

**All: the God of Israel;**One: God gives power and strength to the people.

**All: Blessed be God!**

**Opening Prayer: Dear Creator, majestic and powerful God, we open our hearts and minds to you this morning, so that we may hear your word, understand your message, and leave here transformed. We are so grateful for your presence! In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.**

**Hymn – All Are Welcome**

**Children’s Sermon: The Lord’s Prayer**

**Scripture Readings: Psalms 68:1-10, 32-35**

**Hymn -** Ancient Words

**Sermon: Thy Kingdom Come**

**Hymn – Here I Am Lord, 452**

**Prayers for others and ourselves**

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

**Offering**

**Doxology**

**Hymn – Leaning on Everlasting Arms, 560**

**Announcements**

**Commission and Benediction Postlude**

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**Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35**
**1-4**Up with God!  Down with his enemies!
        Adversaries, run for the hills!
Gone like a puff of smoke,
    like a blob of wax in the fire—
        one look at God and the wicked vanish.
When the righteous see God in action
    they’ll laugh, they’ll sing,
        they’ll laugh and sing for joy.
Sing hymns to God; all heaven, sing out;
        clear the way for the coming of Cloud-Rider.
Enjoy God, cheer when you see him!

**5-6**Father of orphans,
    champion of widows,
        is God in his holy house.
God makes homes for the homeless,
    leads prisoners to freedom,
        but leaves rebels to rot in hell.

**7-10**God, when you took the lead with your people,
    when you marched out into the wild,
Earth shook, sky broke out in a sweat;
    God was on the march.
Even Sinai trembled at the sight of God on the move,
    at the sight of Israel’s God.
You pour out rain in buckets, O God;
    thorn and cactus become an oasis
For your people to camp in and enjoy.
    You set them up in business;
    they went from rags to riches.

**32-34**Sing, O kings of the earth!
    Sing praises to the Lord!
There he is: Sky-Rider,
    striding the ancient skies.
Listen—he’s calling in thunder,
    rumbling, rolling thunder.
Call out “Bravo!” to God,
    the High God of Israel.
His splendor and strength
    rise huge as thunderheads.

**35**A terrible beauty, O God,
    streams from your sanctuary.
It’s Israel’s strong God! He gives
    power and might to his people!
O you, his people—bless God!

