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

**October 16, 2022**

**Rev. Kathy Johnson**

**Welcome**

**We are a United Church of Christ. No matter who you are where you’re at on life’s journey, you are welcome here!**

**Call to Worship:**

One: Oh, how I love all you’ve revealed;
**All: I reverently ponder it all the day long.**One: I’ve even become smarter than my teachers
**All: since I’ve pondered and absorbed your counsel.**One: I’ve become wiser than the wise old sages
**All:    simply by doing what you tell me.**One: I watch my step, avoiding the ditches and ruts of evil
**All:    so I can spend all my time keeping your Word.**One: I never make detours from the route you laid out;
**All:    you gave me such good directions.**One: Your words are so choice, so tasty;
**All:    I prefer them to the best home cooking.**One: With your instruction, I understand life;

**All:** **I am eternally grateful, Oh Lord!**

**Together: Amen**

**Opening Prayer: Dear God, That Which Is, That Which Was and That Which Always Will Be: We are so grateful for this time of worship this morning. We are so grateful for time together in community, whether we are seeing each other face to face, or using the wonders of the internet. We come seeking your instructions so that we may better understand life. May we leave this hour closer to being the humans we are meant to be. In Christ’s name, Amen.**

**\*Hymn -** (All Are Welcome)

**Children’s Sermon: God Took a Bath**

**Scripture Readings: Luke 18:1-18**

**\*Hymn -** Ancient Words

**Sermon: Instruction Manual**

**Prayers for others and ourselves**

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

**\*Hymn -** (My Living Hope)

**Offering**

**\*Doxology**

**\*Hymn -** (Leaning on the Everlasting Arms)

**Announcements**

**Commission and Benediction Postlude**

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Scripture reading

Gospel Luke 18:1-8

1Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. 2He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. 3In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' 4For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, 5yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" 6And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. 7And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? 8I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"