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

**October 23, 2022**

**Rev. Kathy Johnson**

**Welcome**

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

**Call to Worship:**

One: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!
**ALL: My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

One: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars
**All: Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.**

One: Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.
**All: All sunshine and sovereign is God, generous in gifts and glory. Amen.**

**Opening Prayer:**

**Dear One, Open our ears, our minds and our hearts today as we come together to worship. Through the words we say, the songs we sing, and the message we hear, may we grow ever closer to the people we expect ourselves to be, your humble servants. With gratitude and love and through Christ we pray, Amen.**

**Hymn -** (Here I am Lord)

**Children’s Sermon: God Went Skating**

**Scripture Readings: Luke 18:9-14**

**Hymn -** Ancient Words

**Sermon: What Kind of Believer Am I?**

**Hymn -** (I Love to tell the Story)

**Prayers for others and ourselves**

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

**Offering**

**Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above the heavenly host

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

**Hymn -** (You Want to Pass It On)

**Announcements**

**Commission and Benediction Postlude**

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Scripture

**Luke 18:9-14**

9 He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:

10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

11 The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.

12 I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.'

13 But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'

14 I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."