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

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**No Matter Who You Are, or Where You Are on Life’s Journey, You are Welcome Here.**

### Call to Worship, from Psalm 100

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.  
**All: Serve the Lord with gladness;**One: come into his presence with singing.

**All: Know that the Lord is God.**One: It is he who made us, and we are his;[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm+100&version=NRSVUE#fen-NRSVUE-15512a)]  
**All: we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

One: Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
**All: and his courts with praise.**One: Give thanks to him; bless his name.

**All: For the Lord is good;**One: his steadfast love endures forever  
**All: and his faithfulness to all generations.**

**Opening Prayer: Oh Loving God, You have brought us back together this Sunday morning to praise you, to show our gratitude for all You give us, and to learn the lessons brought to us through your Son. Help us to be only here, and to hear only You.**

**In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.**

**Hymn –** Light of the World

**Children’s Sermon: Light Up the World Together!**

**Scripture Readings: Matthew 9:35 – 10:8**

**Hymn -** Ancient Words

**Sermon: Applying the Gospel**

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

**Prayers for others and ourselves**

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# Matthew 9:35-10:8

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### The Harvest Is Great, the Laborers Few

**35**Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. **36**When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. **37**Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; **38**therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

### The Twelve Apostles

**10**Then Jesus[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=matthew+9%3A35+-+10%3A8&version=NRSVUE#fen-NRSVUE-23419a)] summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. **2**These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; **3**Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus;[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=matthew+9%3A35+-+10%3A8&version=NRSVUE#fen-NRSVUE-23421b)] **4**Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

### The Mission of the Twelve

**5**These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, **6**but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. **7**As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=matthew+9%3A35+-+10%3A8&version=NRSVUE#fen-NRSVUE-23425c)] **8**Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

