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

**August 13, 2023**

**Rev. Kenny Watson, Sr.**

**Welcome**

**No matter who you are, you are welcome here!**

**Call to Worship (Psalm 28: 1-2,7)**

One: To You Lord, I Call

**All: You are my Rock**

One: Do Not turn a deaf ear to me

**All: For if you remain silent**,

One: I will be like those who go down to the pit.

**All: Hear my cry for mercy**

One: As I call to you for help,

**All: As I lift up my hands toward your Most Holy Place.**

One: The Lord is my strength and my shield;

**All: My heart trusts in him, and he helps me.**

**Opening Prayer:**

**Our God, our Father. He that is our Shepherd. We thank you for the protection that you have given us, from last Sunday to today. We thank you for looking past our faults and seeing our needs.**

**We thank you for your blessings given to us this week. We thank you for allowing us to come out to your house of worship, one more time.**

**We ask that you touch each and every heart here and online. Lord if you find anything in our hearts, that should not be there, please remove it. Put in us a renewed generous spirit. Let our light shine for you, so that others may be drawn to you, to receive the blessing of salvation that only you can give.**

**We ask these blessings in your son Jesus name Amen, Amen and Amen.**

**Hymn – Gather us in Communion**

**Communion**

**Children’s Sermon**

**Water, Water, Water**

**Scripture Readings:**

**1 Corinthians 15: 58 (over)**

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

**Hymn –** Ancient Words

**Sermon:**

**Be Ye Baptized**

(Matthew 3: 13-17)

**Hymn – He Leadeth Me #545**

**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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