Community Congregational Church   
of Clinton Heights, UCC

**July 2, 2023**

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### Welcome

### Call to Worship

One: God of Life,

**All: … you are as near to us as our breath.**

One: Touch our eyes,

**All: … that we may see you in one another.**

One: Open our ears,

All: **… that we may hear your voice in the cries of those in pain, whose who are oppressed and struggling, and those who are in need.**

One: Enter our hearts,

All: **… that we may be filled with your love toward all people.**

One: Come, O God of life and breath and wholeness.

**All: Be with us now. Show us the way and grant us the courage to be people of your way of compassion.**

Opening Prayer

**Creator God, you made us to be neighbors, members of one family blessed with great uniqueness. You created us to be helpers to one another, entrusting to us the pursuit of justice and your wish for our joy. Yet we have denied justice and joy to many, creating worlds of poverty, pain, lost opportunities, and absences of hope. In so many ways, we break each other’s hearts.**

**Loving God, restore us to each other and to you, mending our hearts and repairing the world. Through the power of your Spirit, shape us to be for others what Christ is for us: pardon and peace, purposeful life and blessing. We give thanks for your love, forgiveness, and constant presence. Amen.**

Hymn: ???? [Bruce to fill in]

Communion?

Children’s Sermon

*Welcoming Creation*

Scripture Reading

*Matthew 10:40-42*

Hymn: ???? [Bruce to fill in]

Sermon

Welcoming Others

Hymn: ???? [Bruce to fill in]

Prayers for others and ourselves

Lord’s Prayer   
(using debts/debtors)

Offering

Doxology

Hymn: ???? [Bruce to fill in]

Announcements

Commission and Benediction Postlude

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# Matthew 10:40-42 New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

**Rewards**

40“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. 41Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, 42and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”