**Community Congregational Church of Clinton Heights, U.C.C.**

**October 1, 2023**

**The Reverend Sarah A. Bowen**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

One: We gather to worship together,

**All: Different people, different lives, different histories,**

One: Yet all children of the same Holy One,

**All: Created lovingly by the Source of all life!**

One: We gather to reconnect with one another,

**All: Different people, different lives, different histories,**

One: Yet all disciples of one Teacher.

**All: Jesus, the Word made flesh, dwelling among us.**

One: We gather with different joys and sorrows, different hopes and fears….

**All: Different people, different lives, different histories,**

One: Yet united as one today, in faith and fellowship.

**All: Let us open ourselves to the presence of God at work in us, among us, and through us.**

**Opening Prayer:**

*Attributed to Clement of Rome, Apostolic Father of the Church*

You, LORD, through your works have revealed the everlasting structure of the world. You, LORD, created the earth. You are faithful throughout all generations, righteous in your judgments, marvelous in strength and majesty, wise in creating and prudent in establishing what exists, good in all that is observed and faithful to those who trust in you, merciful and compassionate; forgive us our sins and our injustices, our transgressions and our shortcomings.

Hymn – Living Hope

**Children’s Sermon**

On Praising & Blessing God’s Creatures

**Scripture Readings**

(Palam 148)

Hymn – Ancient Words

**Sermon**

***Why We Praise***

**Hymn –** *Leaning On Everlasting Arms #560*

**Prayers for others and ourselves**

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

**Offering**

**Doxology**

**Hymn –** *Go My Children #431*

**Announcements**

**Commission and Benediction Postlude**

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