

HEIDELBERG UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
SERVICE CONDUCTED ON FACEBOOK LIVE & IN-PERSON WORSHIP
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Today's Thought:

"Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred."
~ The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Centering Words:

Fill the emptiness of your lives with the abundant love of God. Then watch the miracles that follow.

* = Stand in Body or Spirit

GATHERING TOGETHER

Ringing the Bell

10:30am

Welcome

Pastor Adrian

Prelude

"T'was in the Moon of Wintertime"

Pat Clemens

Call to Worship

Pastor Adrian

L: Ever-present God, forever seeking us and always teaching us:

P: Open our minds to the truth of your care.

L: Open our hearts to the gentle power of your love.

P: Open our lips to share stories of faith.

L: Open our hands to create beauty, to do justice and to show kindness.

P: Open our souls to the breath of your Spirit.

L: Open our mouths to sing boldly and loudly your praises.

Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Adrian

* Opening Hymn

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou forever wilt be. Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided – Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon and stars in their courses above, join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided – Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessing all mine, with ten thousand beside! Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided – Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

* Call to Confession

Pastor Adrian

Let us come before our merciful God who welcomes honesty and a penitent heart. Confident in God's grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another ...

* Prayer of Confession – Silent Prayer

When hope runs dry, lift us out of despair, O God, and fill us with the waters of renewal. When our efforts fall short, forgive our failings, and reclaim us with your promise. When the weight of worry holds us down, lift us up with your comfort, and show us the way forward. Transform our lives, as you once transformed water into wine, that we may flow with abundant love. Transform your creation and your people, as you once transformed a formless void into this good and fruitful earth. In hope and gratitude, we pray. Amen. [Silent Prayer]

* Words of Assurance

God's steadfast love shines as a fountain of light, transforming our lives with goodness and grace. God does this as easily as Christ turned water into wine. Hear the good news: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

* Hymn of Praise

"Halle-Halle-Halleluja" (x2)

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Halle-Halle-Halleluja. Halle-Halle-Halleluja. Halle-Halle-Halleluja. Halleluja. Halleluja.

Children's Chat

"Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr."

Pastor Adrian

A LITANY OF CELEBRATION

L: Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. had a dream. The ideals of justice and freedom and the belief that all are created equal in the eyes of God are noble principles. But they are meaningless unless they become the personal possession of each one of us.

P: For Heaven's sake I will not keep silent. I will struggle with myself. I will not rest until the dream of justice and freedom becomes my personal dream. I must realize that I am not an innocent bystander. I can help realize the dream by my action, or delay it by inaction.

L: Dr. King's dream of a day when people from all races and nations, even the offspring of slaves and former slave owners, can sit at a table as brothers and sisters and find ways of transforming their differences into assets. That was Dr. King's dream. What is your dream?

P: My dream is that one day soon I will find a way to stop just celebrating the dream and start living it. It must become a part of my daily life; or nothing much will change.

L: The dream is not about an ideal world; it is about the real world. Dr. King's poetic refrain, "I Have a Dream," is a call for us to remember the real world where injustice abounds.

P: When I am in the shelter of my home I must remember the homeless. When I eat, I must remember the hungry. When I feel secure I must remember the insecure. When I see injustice I must remember that it will not stop unless I stop it.

L: I have a dream!

P: I also have a dream. I have a dream that the Holy Spirit will arouse in me that very flame of righteousness that caused Rev. King to become a living sacrifice for the freedom and liberation of all of God's Children. Then I will be able to resist injustice everywhere I see it, even within myself.

Special Music

"I Have a Dream"

Vocalist: Tara Todd

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Liturgist

Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Scripture Lessons (NRSV)

Liturgist

Psalm 36:5-10

Pew Bible pg#443

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Pew Bible pg#933

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

* Gospel Lesson (NRSV)

John 2:1-11

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Pastor Adrian

Pew Bible pg#863

* Gospel Alleluia

"Alleluia! Give the Glory"

Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!
Al-le - lu - ia! Give the glo-ry
and the hon-or to the Lord!
and the hon-or to the Lord!

Sermon

"A Miracle"

Rev. Adrian Tierson

Hymn

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" (verses 1,2,4)

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God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store, nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door: gifted by you, we turn to you offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for serving, that your will on earth be done: all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one. Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive alone in vain; use our talents, guide our service that our work your love proclaim.

Lend your joy to all our giving, let it light our pilgrim way; from the night of anxious keeping, lead us into generous day. Then when years on earth are over, and we've lived our human span, God, fulfill beyond our dreaming, all our loving work began.

SHARING FAITH & LIFE

Joys, Concerns & Announcements

Pastor Adrian

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Adrian

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Call to Offering

Pastor Adrian

Whether your jars are empty or full of wine, whether your gifts seem mighty or small, they are gifts to be treasured and shared, just as we are gifts to be treasured and shared. Let us share ourselves and our gifts with the world this day.

* Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication

Christ of miracles, transform the gifts we return to you, that they may be gifts of abundant life, and ever-flowing love, for a world thirsting for your grace. In gratitude and joy, we pray Amen.

GOING INTO THE WORLD

* Closing Hymn

"Go Forth for God"

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Go forth for God, go to the world in peace; be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace, in God's good Spirit daily to increase, till in the kingdom we behold God's face. Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;

Go forth for God, go to the world in love; strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak; help the afflicted; richly from above God's love supplies the grace and power we seek. Go forth for God, go to the world in love;

Go forth for God, go to the world in strength; hold fast the good, be urgent for the right; render to no one evil; Christ at length shall overcome all darkness with his light. Go forth for God, go to the world in strength;

Go forth for God, go to the world in joy, to serve God's people every day and hour, and serving Christ, our ev'ry gift employ, rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power. Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.

* Benediction

Pastor Adrian

* Final Response

"First Song of Isaiah"

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense and he will be my Savior.

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	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Arrangements	Carla Godshall	Carla Godshall
Head Usher	Jeff Wynn	Jeff Wynn
Acolyte	Jacob McDowell	Lily Waldron
Liturgist	Steve Freed	Don Richards
Song Leader	Tara Todd	Dylan Shelly
Greeters	Skip & Lynda Ayres	Barbara Maerz
Technology	Doug MacWade & Brian Pippert	Doug MacWade & Brian Pippert
	Kaelin Godfrey	Kaelin Godfrey
Nursery Care	None - Sunday School Weekend	Donna Lohr

Welcome to Heidelberg! Whatever your past, whatever your religious background, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome. Join us for a spiritual journey where God is still speaking. Enter as a guest, depart as a friend.

COVID Update - As we continue to work together to create an environment that supports healthful loving worship, Pastor Adrian, in consultation with Consistory, *strongly encourages* you to mask while singing and moving about the church.

Did You Know? - Individual Hearing Aid Devices are available from the head usher.

Ordaining & Installing Church Officers - Next Sunday, January 23rd we will ordain and install our newly elected Consistory members.

Youth Sunday School - Classes will be held TODAY. Classes are held during the 10:30am worship service following the Children's Chat. Classes will be held again on January 30th.

Nursery Care - The Nursery will be staffed on the opposite Sunday's of Sunday School classes. The nursery will be staffed again Sunday, January 23rd.

Winter Weather Notices - With the winter season upon us there may be times we need to cancel meetings, events, Sunday school or morning worship. Cancellations and changes will be posted to our Facebook Page and our church website; with as much advanced notice as possible.

Offering Envelopes – Please remember to pick up your 2022 offering envelopes in the Narthex. If you have any questions, contact Penny Berger.

Online Donations - If you would like to make a one-time or recurring donation to the ministry of Heidelberg UCC, we have a new and simple way to do that by credit/debit card or by connecting your paypal account right through Facebook. Just click the "Donate" button at the top right of our Facebook Page and follow the very easy steps. Thank you for your support and generosity.

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Ladies Lunch - Lunches are held on the 2nd Monday's of the month. The next lunch will be held, Monday, February 14th at 12noon. See Diane McFarland to make your reservation.

Shop-With-Scrip - You can purchase gift cards from your favorite brands to use for your daily purchases and it supports our church and ministry. See Eleanor Risell for more information or to make your purchases.

Birthday Wishes - Nancy Miley will celebrate her 80th birthday on January 18. If you wish to send her a birthday card, please mail it to: c/o Markley Rehabilitation and healthcare 550 E. Fornance Street, Rm. 343, Norristown, PA 19401.

Volunteers Needed - The Daily Bread Community Food Pantry is looking for people to help stock shelves any day Monday-Saturday, 9am-noon. Please contact Anne Ryan 215-256-4448 if you are interested.

Prayer Requests - please e-mail the church office with any prayer concerns and we will keep our prayer list updated.