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HEIDELBERG UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
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Today's Thought:

"Christ bore himself in his hands when he said, "This is my body." ~ St. Augustine of Hippo

Centering Words:

Christians around the world gather this day to share holy communion as one body – a body united in the loved and mercy of Christ. We gather with them, rejoicing in our unity in Christ.

** = Stand in Body or Spirit*

GATHERING TOGETHER

<i>Ringing the Bell</i>		10:30am
Introit	"Come to the Table"	Chancel Vocal Choir
Welcome		Pastor Adrian
Prelude	"O Let Thy Table Honored Be"	Pat Clemens
Call to Worship		Pastor Adrian
L: We gather today as the people of God, as a community of Christ's followers.		
P: We gather to share Word and Sacrament, to discern the ways of faithful service.		
L: Where in the world shall we serve our God?		
P: At home and school and places of business – in this community and throughout every land.		
L: How in the world shall we serve our God?		
P: By working toward justice where there is oppression, by offering comfort where there is pain, by sharing love where there is hatred.		
L: Why in the world shall we serve our God?		
P: Because the Spirit beckons us, because Jesus calls us to enact our faith. Let us now worship the One who calls us!		
Prayer of Invocation		Pastor Adrian

* Opening Hymn "Let Us Build a House" (All Are Welcome)

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat; a banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

* Call to Confession

Pastor Adrian

God is gracious and merciful and knows our needs even before they reach our lips. Still, we engage in confession, admitting to God all that rests uneasily in our hearts. Confident in God's grace, together let us confess our sin before God and one another ...

* Prayer of Confession – Silent Prayer

Merciful and forgiving God, we need a spirit of love and acceptance to flood into our lives this day. Even though we celebrate World Communion Sunday with the giving of the precious bread and of the beloved wine, still we harbor anger and dislike against others. We act out of frustration rather than love. We hoard your gifts and only grudgingly share our bounty with others. We find ways to turn our backs on you, claiming that other things are more important than our faith. And then in the midst of struggle and strife, we come back to you, awash in tears and sorrow. We plead for your help and salvation. Remind us again, O Lord, that your love has always and will always be with us. You have called us to be witnesses to the good things that can happen when we follow your ways. You have asked us to reach out, across our borders, our oceans, our fears to others with the reconciling love of your Son Jesus Christ. Heal us from our selfishness and our apathy. Give us courage and strength for the ministries in which you have placed us. For we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen. [Silent Prayer]

* Words of Assurance

From the beginning of all creation, God's word was love. That love has been lavished upon you, not because you did anything to earn it, but because it is God's great gift to you. Live in that love and bring peace to others. Hear and believe the good news of the gospel: In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

* Hymn of Praise

"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me. I'm so glad Jesus lifted me. I'm so glad Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

Sin had me bound, Jesus lifted me. Sin had me bound, Jesus lifted me. Sin had me bound, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

When I was downhearted, Jesus lifted me. When I was downhearted, Jesus lifted me. When I was downhearted, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

* Passing the Peace of Christ

L: As a forgiven and reconciled people, let us share signs of peace with one another. The peace of Christ be with all of you.

P: And also with you.

Gathering Hymn

"Weave"

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Weave, weave, weave us together. Weave us together in unity and love. Weave, weave, weave us together. Weave us together, together in love.

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

Lamentations 3:19-26

Pew Bible pg#669

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Pew Bible pg#966

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

* Gospel Lesson (NRSV)

Pastor Adrian

John 6:25-35

Pew Bible pg#867

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

* Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Sermon

"The Real Thing"

Rev. Adrian Tierson

Hymn

"I Come with Joy" (Verses: 1,2,3,5)

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I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free, the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

Together met, together bound by all that God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

SHARING FAITH & LIFE

Joys, Concerns & Announcements

Pastor Adrian

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Adrian

Call to Offering

Pastor Adrian

Let us give thanks for God's imprint on our lives, for the sustaining word that gives purpose to our days, and for the ministry in which we are engaged together, as we present our offerings today.

* 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

Fount of blessing, you pour upon us the abundance of your grace. Bless us and these gifts, that they may be a source of blessing to others, in the name Jesus Christ. Amen.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Anthem

"One World, One Communion"

Chancel Vocal Choir

Preparing the Table

Pastor Adrian

Note to Guests: *Through the waters of baptism; we are born into Christ's family. That family is nourished and sustained at this table. Though we are baptized but once, in the Lord's Supper we reaffirm our commitment to Christ, and God renews us with grace. This is the joyful feast of the people of God! Our Savior invites everyone to share the feast, which he has prepared.*

INVITATION

L: With Christians around the world, come to the table of love. With believers from every continent on earth, come to the table of grace. With the whole body of Christ, come to the table that gives life. Come with thanksgiving and praise. You are welcome here.

PRAYER

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of all things in heaven and on earth. In the beginning, you brought forth life, that every living thing might live in harmony in the great circle of life. After fashioning our frame from the dust and bones of the earth, you placed your image within us, and declared that it was not good for us to be alone. Created to be in unity and harmony with creation and with one another, you sent us prophets and teachers when we broke fellowship with one another and when our pride sought out differences among us. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to fashion us into a holy community that would be his body here on earth. Even when dissent and division threatened to pull his followers apart, Jesus prayed that we might all be one in his name, and shared with the bread of heaven and the cup of our salvation in his name.

L: And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

P: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

L: Holy are you, and blessed is your bread of heaven, Jesus Christ. When you sent Christ to be with us, he offered his very self, that we might have the strength to stand when all hope sees lost. Through the holy mystery of this table, you invite us into your presence, tend us in our weakness, and strengthen us through this bread and cup.

REMEMBERING

L: With joy and gratitude, we remember that night when Jesus took bread, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." After supper, Jesus took the cup, blessed it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Drink from this, all of you; this is my life in the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving. As your covenant people and as reflections of your glory, in union with Christ's love for us, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

P: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

L: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

P: Amen.

L: With Christ's words on our lips and in our hearts, we pray:

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.

BREAKING BREAD AND POURING THE CUP

(The pastor lifts and breaks the bread and pours and lifts the cup)

L: These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION IS SERVED

O God our mystery, you bring us to life, call us to freedom, and move between us with love. Having been nourished at your table, may we go into your wondrous and diverse world to tear down walls of division, to confront powers and principalities, to live and love boldly in the promise of your resurrection. Amen.

GOING INTO THE WORLD

* Closing Hymn

"He's Got the Whole World"

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He's got the whole world in his hands, he's got the whole world in his hands, he's got the whole world in his hands, he's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the wind and the rain in his hands, he's got the wind and the rain in his hands, he's got the wind and the rain in his hands, he's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the tiny little baby in his hands, he's got the tiny little baby in his hands, he's got the tiny little baby in his hands, he's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got you and me, brother, in his hands, he's got you and me, brother, in his hands, he's got you and me, brother, in his hands, he's got the whole world in his hands.

* 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
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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.

Bulletin Cover – Today's bulletin cover was created by our own Jonah Godfrey. Thank you, Jonah!

Today – We will celebrate and honor World Communion Sunday. We invite our virtual worshipping community to join us at the Lord's Table. Please have elements of bread and juice prepared at home.

There will be a Holiday Bazaar meeting after worship today. **Looking for day of volunteers.** Signup sheets are available at both entrances or speak to Diane McFarland. Thank you in advance for your help - let's make this our best year yet!

Next Sunday – Our 3rd graders will receive their Bibles during worship.

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

Did You Know? – Large Print Bulletins are available in the Narthex.

Christian Fellowship – Will have a meeting next Sunday, Sunday, October 9th following worship.

Ladies Lunch – Lunches are held on the 2nd Mondays of the month. The next lunch will be held Monday, October 10th at 12noon. See Diane McFarland to make your reservation.

Harvest Home will be Sunday, October 16th. Please bring your food donations to the chancel as you come into the sanctuary for worship. All donated items will be given to the Daily Bread Community Food Pantry. The pantry is in desperate need of everything including personal care items. Donations are greatly diminished, and the need is growing.

Liturgist Wanted – If you are interested in joining with others who take turns reading the scriptures during our worship services, please contact Kathy Shott at Kathy.Shott@gmail.com or call 610.310.4908.

Chancel Vocal Choir – Would you like to join the chancel vocal choir this fall? Rehearsals have resumed on Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm. See Pat Clemens for more details.

Chancel Bell Choir – Would you like to join the bell choir this fall? Rehearsals have resumed on Thursday mornings at 9:15am. See Pat Clemens for more details.

Sunday School Schedule – Sunday School for youth and adults will be held bi-weekly. Classes will be held again Sunday, October 9th from 9:30-10:15am.

Nursery Care – The Nursery will be staffed every Sunday during the program year.

Weekday Bible Study – Lunch and Learn Friday Bible Study. Join us at 12:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your lunch. Drinks will be provided.

Christmas Cookie Baking will begin at 9AM Saturday, October 29th. Please join us in making, baking and packing 3 different types of cookies to sell at our Christmas Bazar. With many hands to help we should be finished by 3PM. Bring a brown bag lunch and enjoy some fellowship. Any questions please contact me at 610.291.6701 or pkherman88@gmail.com. Thank you, Pam Herman

Boscov's Fundraiser - On October 19, 2022 Boscov's is holding their Friends Helping Friends shopping event. Eleanor is selling the shopping pass for this event. The pass costs \$5 and entitles the purchaser to 25% off that day, with a few exclusions, and a chance to enter drawing for \$100 Boscov's gift card. Heidelberg receives the \$5! And the shopping pass can be used at all stores! It is only good in-store. Eleanor Risell will be in the Narthex after worship today and next week for you to purchase your shopping passes!

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