

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

"Since love grows within you, so beauty grows. For love is the beauty of the soul." ~ St. Augustine

Centering Words:

Each morning we awake to a blank canvas. Our God makes all things new.

* = Stand in Body or Spirit

GATHERING TOGETHER

Ring the Bell		10:30am
Introit	"Weave"	Christie Lohr
Welcome		Pastor Adrian
Prelude	"Forest Green"	Chancel Bell Choir
Call to Worship		Pastor Adrian

L: As the sun rises in the morning,
P: let all creation worship God.

L: From the highest mountains to the deepest seas,

P: let all creation proclaim the name of the Lord, for God alone is worthy to be praised.

L: God alone makes all things new.

P: All praise, glory, and honor be yours, Almighty God, forever.

Prayer of Invocation Pastor Adrian

* Opening Hymn "All Creatures of Our God, Now Sing" (Verses 1-3, 5) #51
All Creatures of Our God, now Sing; lift up your voices, let them ring, Alleluia, Alleluia! O burning sun with golden beam, O silver moon with softer gleam, O sing praises, O sing praises, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O rushing wind with voice so strong, O clouds that sail in heaven along, sing your praises Alleluia! O rising morn, in praise rejoice, O lights of evening, find a voice, O sing praises, O sing praises, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O flowing water, pure and clear, make music for your God to hear, Alleluia, Alleluia! O fire so masterful and bright, that gives to all both warmth and light, O sing praises, O sing praises, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their creator bless, and worship God in humbleness, Alleluia, Alleluia! O praise the One who gives us birth, redeeming, giving life its worth, O sing praises, O sing praises, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* Call to Confession

Pastor Adrian

The God revealed to us in the pages of Scripture is a welcoming and loving God who directs us to love one another. So we gather to seek removal of all barriers to that love. Come to confess all that separates you from others and from your own best. Confident in God's grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another ...

* Prayer of Confession – Silent Prayer

Patient God, we confess that sometimes we are just too busy for our own good. We pledge ourselves to hectic schedules, demands on time, energy, and resources that erode all too quickly. We seem to be rushing through life. The cries of those in need often go unheeded in our blur of activities which sap our energy, our resources, our spirits. Slow us down a bit, Lord. Remind us again that we are responsible for the care of this world, for reaching out and offering your healing love. Help us to hear the words of patient love that you have for us. Remind us again of Jesus' words to his disciples when he told them that they should love one another as he loved them. May we take time to bear witness to that love in all that we do. For we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.
[Silent Prayer]

* Words of Assurance

Wherever you are, Christ is with you. You are beloved of God and God's care will always surround you. Be at peace and rejoice! Hear the good news: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

* Hymn of Praise

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" (verse 1)

#210

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon the throne; Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing of Christ who died for you, and to your risen Savior bring your thanks for life made new.

Children's Chat

"Our Job"

Pastor Adrian

Special Music

"10,000 Reasons"

Solo - Christie Lohr

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 148

Pew Bible pg#508

Revelation 21:1-6

Pew Bible pg#1007

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

* Gospel Lesson (NRSV)

Pastor Adrian

John 13:31-35

Pew Bible pg#877

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

* Gloria Patri

"Glory Be to the Father"

#36

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 Hard Work of Love"

Rev. Adrian Tierson

Hymn

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

#403

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

SHARING FAITH & LIFE

Joys, Concerns & Announcements

Pastor Adrian

Pastoral Prayer

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

God has called us to a ministry of service: water for the thirsty, comfort to those who grieve, healing for ones in pain, acceptance for persons who have not accepted themselves. This is the time to offer our time, talent, and treasure, that God's will may be realized among us.

* 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

Holy God, you have given us so much. Through your love and abundance, our cup overflows. Form the bounty of your blessings, we offer these gifts back to you. Use these offerings for your glory, as we work to bring your kingdom here on earth. Amen.

GOING INTO THE WORLD

* Closing Hymn

"We Are One in the Spirit"

#386

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side, we will work with each other, we will work side by side, and we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

* 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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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Arrangements	Joan Lauman	Joan Lauman
Head Usher	Joe Giunta	Joe Giunta
Acolyte	Lucas Waldron	Lily Waldron
Liturgist	Jan Stahley	Joe Homan
Song Leader	Christie Lohr	Anthony Alvarez
Greeters	Pam & Tony Alvarez, Gabriel	Bob Messersmith & Susan Claus
Technology	Doug MacWade & Brian Pippert	Doug MacWade & Brian Pippert
	Kaelin Godfrey	Kaelin Godfrey
Nursery Care	Donna Pitkoff	None - Sunday School Weekend

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.

Today – Newsletter items for June's Heidelberg Happenings is due.

Next Sunday – Is Mission Sunday. We will welcome Mr. Mike McCrea our Cub Scout Pack Committee Chairman. Mike will offer a mission moment and tell us about the Blessing Box and other pack activities.

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

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

Youth Sunday School – Classes are held during the 10:30am worship service following the Children's Chat. Classes will be held again on 5/22. Sunday School ends on Sunday, June 5th.

Nursery Care – The Nursery will be staffed on the opposite Sunday's of Sunday School classes. The nursery is staffed TODAY and will be again on 5/29.

Holiday Bazaar – The Heidelberg Holiday Bazaar is back! It is scheduled for Saturday, November 12th. We will have a church craft table and other opportunities to get involved. Anyone interested in helping with the Holiday Bazaar, please see Diane McFarland .

Consistory – will meet for their monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 17th at 7pm.

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, June 13th 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.

New Members – If you are interested in becoming a member of Heidelberg UCC, please see Pastor Adrian. We would love to welcome you into our church family on Pentecost Sunday, June 5th.

Vacation Bible School – Children ages 3 to 11, come explore with us at “Making Waves in the Deep Sea” Vacation Bible School! We’re looking forward to this exciting day and hope your children (and their friends) will join us!

June 26th from 2:00pm to 6:00pm at Heidelberg United Church of Christ.

To register for the event, please complete the Google Form found on our website (www.hucc.net).

Pre-Registration is recommended but not mandatory. This is a FREE event for the community! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate reaching out to Sara McDowell at 610-451-8518 or via email at Heidelbergvbs@gmail.com

Water for First Responders – Zenon Janecki from the Schwenksville Disaster Relief Facebook group has his Community Trailer parked in the Heidelberg UCC lower parking lot for the purpose of collecting cases of water for our First Responders during their summer emergency activities. The trailer is self service. TODAY is the last day to drop off your cases from 8:00am - 2:00pm.

VA Hospital Donations - For the month of **May** the Missions Committee will be collecting items for the VA Hospital in Spring City. Items needed are new baseball caps, new robes, Bingo chips (they don't have enough for all to play), and plants to plant around the center.

A collection box is in the Narthex and any cash donations will be used to purchase items. Please use the Chosen 300 bin located under the stairs for item donations.

Attention Youth and Parents of Youth grades 6-12 - The Board of Christian Education along with a core group of families is pleased to announce the restart of a **Heidelberg Youth Group**. Our first meeting will be June 12th from 4-6pm (dinner included). From there we plan to meet monthly, targeting the second Sunday afternoon/evening with flexibility for "special event" months. Join us for Fun, Fellowship, Faith and Food! For more information contact Steve Freed at stevencfreed@gmail.com or 267-372-1668.

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