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HEIDELBERG UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
251 PERKIOMEN AVENUE, SCHWENKSVILLE, PA 19473  
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MOTHER'S DAY  
SERVICE CONDUCTED ON FACEBOOK LIVE & IN-PERSON WORSHIP  
MAY 9, 2021  
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*Today's Thought:*

*"There is no way to be a perfect mother ... but a million ways to be a good one." ~ Unknown*

*Centering Words:*

*Sing praise with all creation. Sing praise with all of humanity. Sing praise together, for all of our songs come from one God, creator of all.*

*\* = Stand in Body or Spirit*

**GATHERING TOGETHER**

*Ringing the Bell*

10:30am

Welcome

Pastor Adrian

Prelude

"Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"

Pat Clemens

Call to Worship

L: Come all who are born of God; Abide in the love revealed in Jesus Christ.

**P: We come in response to the One who calls us friends. We are here in obedience to Christ's command.**

L: Remember God's steadfast love and faithfulness. Let hands and voices echo God's praise.

**P: Let our lips pour out a joyful noise. Let our hands reflect a serving Savior.**

L: Sing a new song to God who does marvelous things. Obey God's commandments which are not burdensome.

**P: We clap our hands and sing for joy. We live by faith that conquers the world.**

Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Adrian

\* Opening Hymn

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

**For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies, For the love which from our birth over and around us lies, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For each perfect gift of thine unto us so freely given, Graces, human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

\* Call to Confession

Pastor Adrian

*God judges the world with righteousness, and the people's with equity. God knows all that we have done and all that we avoid. God is aware of our obedience to the way of love and our rebellion against it. We are invited to confess all that God already knows so healing and freedom can be ours in Christ Jesus. Confident in God's grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another ...*

\* Prayer of Confession – Silent Prayer

**Ever-present God, we confess to you our unloving thoughts and deeds. We live by standards that we bend and break in our own favor, while ignoring the commandments you have given. We find it hard to love everyone, for so many act in unloving ways. It is easier to treat people as things than to listen for their needs. We withhold ourselves rather than offer our lives, even for our friends. We hoard the gifts you entrust to us instead of letting them bear fruit for you. Cleanse us from these destructive ways, freeing us to love as you have loved us, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**[Silent Prayer]**

\* Words of Assurance

*God's Spirit is with us, embracing us with forgiveness and grace, abiding in us with the power of love for all. Hear the good news: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.*

\* Hymn of Praise

"Halle-Halle-Halleluja" (x2)

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

Children's Chat

*"Happy Mother's Day"*

Unison Prayer for Mother's Day

**God, both mother and father for humankind and creation, we are grateful and thankful today for mothering, for the feminine touch of parenting, for the special connection of mother and child, and thankful for all the women in our lives, who offer care, comfort, encouragement and support. We are grateful for the self-sacrifice of love that is given, and we offer our love in return. We remember the mothers who are. We remember the mothers who have been and are gone. We remember the mothers who can't be. We acknowledge that mothering is hard, and not all are able to do so as they would like. We acknowledge that we all fall short in life and love, and that mothers are no exception in this. However, today, we honor mothering, especially those who give of their best. We pray for all mothers and those who offer mothering beyond the circle of bloodlines and family. For mothers and motherers we pray. Amen.**

Hymn

"Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"

**Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world.**

**Creator, source of ev'ry breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.**

**Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering me your food of light, grain of life, and grape of love, your very body for my peace.**

**Mothering Spirit, nurturing one, in arms of patience hold me close, so that in faith I root and grow until I flow'r, until I know.**

### **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 98

1 John 5:1-6

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

\* Gospel Lesson (NRSV)

Pastor Adrian

John 15:9-17

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

*"Creating Something Beautiful for God"*

Rev. Adrian Tierson

Hymn

"O Living God"

**O living God, I long to see you lifted up in all your glory; to see you there in holy beauty. O Lord, almighty God, living Christ, I love you.**

**O living God, I long to praise you heart and voice, with all creation; to worship you for tender mercy. O Lord, almighty God, living Christ, I love you.**

**O living God, I soon will see you face to face, in all your glory. I'll worship you in endless wonder. O Lord, almighty God, living Christ, I love you.**

### **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.**

Special Music

"God So Loved"

Vocalist: Tina Richards

Call to Offering

Pastor Adrian

*We are people whom God has blessed with many gifts. God has done marvelous things for us. How will we, who have been baptized by water and the Spirit, respond to God's generosity?*

\* 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

**Bountiful God, pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts and on all of us gathered here, that we may abide in your love and that your love may abide in these gifts. In your loving name, we pray. Amen.**

### **GOING INTO THE WORLD**

\* Closing Hymn

"Go Forth for God"

**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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**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

	<b>TODAY</b>	<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>
Arrangements	Joan Lauman	Joan Lauman
Head Usher	Warren Doerner	Warren Doerner
Acolyte	Rose Waldron	Lily Waldron
Liturgist	Nancy Woodrow	Don Richards
Song Leader	Tina Richards	Tina Richards
Greeters	Penny Berger	Eleanor Risell
Technology	Doug MacWade & Brian Pippert	Doug MacWade & Brian Pippert
Nursery Care	Jocelyn Beideman	None

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.

**Youth Sunday School** - The **final week** of Sunday School for the school year will be held **NEXT SUNDAY**. Class will be held during the 10:30am worship service following the Children's Chat.

**Nursery Care** - The Nursery is available **TODAY**. Nursery is offered on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays following the Children's Chat.

**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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**BBQ Beef Brisket Drive-Thru Fundraiser** - As we did last fall, we will be offering a drive-thru Brisket Dinner on **Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 3-5pm**. The meal includes: Brisket, Roll, Baked Potato, Coleslaw, butter and Dessert. The cost is \$10/ticket. Tickets will be available for purchase starting next week. You can call the church office, pick them up on Sunday morning or see a member of Consistory. A portion of proceeds will go directly to the Daily Bread Food Pantry.

**Mission Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup>** - Our church has been regularly active in our Missions. Lately, since the Pandemic, most of the Missions that we have been doing is for the Daily Bread Food Pantry in Collegeville. We are proud of our work, time, and donations that we provide for this necessary Mission. On Missions Sunday, we will have the Directors of Daily Bread Food Pantry, Joel and Loretta Stever, here to speak about the Food Pantry. They will talk about how the pandemic has affected the pantry, changed their way of doing business and seeing clients and what the future holds for the pantry. We hope that you will join us, live in the sanctuary or online. The yearly MISSIONS SUNDAY monies collected will also be donated to Daily Bread. We appreciate your continued support.

**Newsletter Deadline** - June newsletter material should be submitted to the office by Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Pentecost Sunday - Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Join us at 10:30am for worship and remember to WEAR RED!

**Ladies Luncheon** - If you are interested in joining our gatherings on the first Monday of the month please give Diane McFarland a call 610-287-8079.

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