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**HEIDELBERG UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**251 PERKIOMEN AVENUE, SCHWENKSVILLE, PA 19473**  
**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**GRADUATION SUNDAY**  
**SERVICE CONDUCTED ON FACEBOOK LIVE & IN-PERSON WORSHIP**  
**JULY 18, 2021**  
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*Today's Thought:*

*"Do not think of the faults of others but of what is good in them and faulty in yourself." ~ St. Teresa of Avila*

*Centering Words:*

*From far and near, we gather to be close to God. But always, God dwells in and with us. No matter how far we wander, God's Spirit is as near to us as our very breath.*

*\* = Stand in Body or Spirit*

**GATHERING TOGETHER**

*Ringing the Bell*

9:30am

Welcome

Pastor Adrian

Prelude

"Menuet I in G Major"

"Menuet II in G Minor"

Violinist - Benjamin Pitkoff

Call to Worship

Pastor Adrian

L: From far and near, we gather together,

**P: called to unity in Christ.**

L: Built into one body,

**P: we are the dwelling place of God.**

L: May God guide our steps and direct our ways,

**P: that we may reveal God's love in word and deed.**

Prayer of Invocation

\* Opening Hymn

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

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**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away; giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!**

**All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Source of grace and fount of blessing, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.**

**Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began; God's own love is reigning o'er us, joining people hand in hand. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife, joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.**

\* Call to Confession

Pastor Adrian

*Our God is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. Let us bring our confession to God, knowing that God will hear our prayers and forgive. Confident in God's grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another ...*

\* Prayer of Confession – Silent Prayer

**Guiding, guardian God, we do not want to be like sheep without a shepherd, or strangers wandering alone in the world. We want to know your presence, and trust that you dwell within us. We yearn for conviction that your Spirit flows in and through us. Fill us when we are empty. Forgive us when we are wrong. Guide us when we are lost. Comfort us when we are tired. Reconcile us when we are disconnected, and guard our lives with your indwelling Spirit. In your loving name, we pray. Amen. [Silent Prayer]**

\* Words of Assurance

*Christ is our peace, reconciling us with God and with one another. In our very lives, Christ dwells, full of mercy and grace to draw us to the heart of God. Hear the good news: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.*

\* Hymn of Praise

"My Tribute"

**To God be the glory, to God be the glory, to God be the glory for the things he has done. With his blood he has saved me; with his power he has raised me; to God be the glory for the things he has done.**

### **HONORING OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES**

Litany for Graduation Sunday

Pastor Adrian

**P: Pastor - G: Graduates - C: congregation**

**P:** Today we recognize the academic achievements of our graduates. We celebrate with them this time of graduation.

**G:** We thank you, O Lord, for the many people who have guided our lives. You have given us many examples to follow; teachers, coaches, counselors, administrators, and our own families who taught us to believe in ourselves and to believe in you.

**C:** Lord, help us to celebrate the milestones of our young people. They grow up so fast and learn so much. Guide us as we nurture them on their Journey of faith.

**P:** But things change. Life is dynamic. We prepare to move on toward the future.

**G:** Lord we are both excited and scared as we leave the safety of family and venture into the world.

**C:** Lord, grant us peace as we say good-bye to those who prepare to leave our midst. We entrust these graduates to your care, knowing that you walk with them.

**P:** You will be given many new freedoms. You must make many daily decisions as to how you will live your lives.

**G:** We celebrate our freedoms and ask for guidance in our decisions.

**C:** The Lord is faithful and promises to be with you as you choose friends who will help you celebrate the goodness of God's love.

**P:** With freedom comes much responsibility.

**G:** We now take over major responsibility in our lives. We choose where to live and work, how to spend our income and how to live in society.

**C:** You do not take on those responsibilities alone. Remember your loving God who wishes to help you in life. Your God also reminds you of your responsibilities to participate in the community of faith and to serve your sisters and brothers with justice and mercy.

**P:** You go forth from this place as the light of the world and salt of the earth.

**G:** God, grant us the power to serve you.

**C:** As God sent the Holy Spirit to the disciples at Pentecost, God sends the Spirit with you to empower you, to strengthen your faith and to lead you in lives of holiness and service.

Hymn "Praise the Source of Faith and Learning" (verses 1,2,4) #S-12

**Praise the Source of faith and learning that has sparked and stoked the mind. With a passion for discerning how the world has been designed. Let the sense of wonder flowing from the wonders we survey keep our faith forever growing and renew our need to pray.**

**God of wisdom, we acknowledge that our science and our art and the breadth of human knowledge only partial truth impart. Far beyond our calculation lies a depth we cannot sound where your purpose for creation and the pulse of life are found.**

**As two currents in a river fight each other's undertow till converging they deliver one coherent steady flow, blend, O God, our faith and learning till they carve a single course, till they join as one, returning praise and thanks to you, their Source.**

### 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 89: 20-30 Pew Bible pg#475  
Ephesians 2:11-22 Pew Bible pg#950

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

\* Gospel Lesson (NRSV) Pastor Adrian  
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 Pew Bible pg#818

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 "Exhilarating & Exhausting" Rev. Adrian Tierson

Hymn "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" #429

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care; in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are; blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.**

**We are thine; in love befriend us; be the guardian of our way; keep thy flock; from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear thy children when we pray; blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear thy children when we pray.**

**Early let us seek thy favor; early let us do thy will; blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our spirits fill. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still; blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still.**

### 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

"Shout to the Lord"

Vocalists - Isabella Yackanicz  
Christie Lohr

Call to Offering

Pastor Adrian

*We are not strangers to one another, for together we are members of God's household. Let us give offerings that bring the good news of our peace to many.*

\* 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 Spirit, flow through these gifts we return to you. Dwell in them, as you dwell in us, that others may know your abiding presence and your steadfast love. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

**GOING INTO THE WORLD**

\* Closing Hymn

"O For a World"

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**O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways, where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.**

**O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved, where truth is spoken, children spared, and equality achieved.**

**We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.**

**The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise. Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.**

**O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace, where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.**

\* Sung Benediction

"The Irish Blessing"

Vocalists - Isabella Yackanicz  
Christie Lohr

\* Benediction

Pastor Adrian

\* Final Response

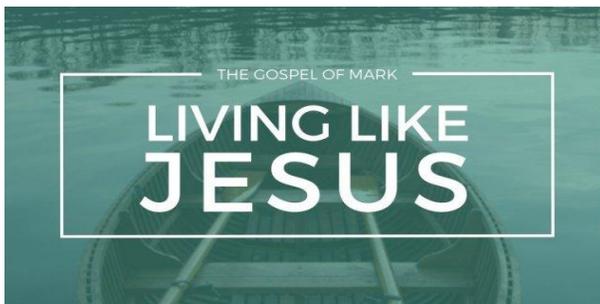
"First Song of Isaiah"

**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	Matt McDowell	Matt McDowell
Head Usher	Skip & Lynda Ayres	Skip & Lynda Ayres
Acolyte	Jacob McDowell	Ethan Beideman
Liturgist	Jeanette Kriebel	Joe Giunta
Song Leader	Christie Lohr	Christie Lohr
Greeters	Barb Maerz	Skip & Lynda Ayres
Technology	Doug MacWade & Brian Pippert	Doug MacWade & Brian Pippert
Nursery Care	None	Gretchen Barkman

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.

**Graduation Sunday** - Today we have the pleasure of recognizing our three High School graduates: Suvi Maenpaa, Victoria McFarland, and Isabella Yackanicz. God bless the class of 2021.

**Next Sunday** - You are invited to join us in celebrating the 90th birthday of Rev. Bill Massey. There will be cake and ice-cream and an opportunity to greet Bill immediately following worship. We will gather in the Narthex and on the front lawn.

**Nursery Care** - The Nursery will be staffed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays during the months June-August.

**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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**New Members** - If you would be interested in making Heidelberg UCC your church home, please reach out to Pastor Adrian. We would love to welcome you into this Body of Christ.

**Ladies Luncheon** - **We have changed our lunch dates to the second Monday of the month.** If you are interested in joining our gatherings please give Diane McFarland a call 610-287-8079.

**SAVE THE DATE - Saturday, September 18th** is our annual Pulled Pork Fundraiser at Peace in Zion Church. We hope that you will plan to order tickets for our drive-thru event. The committee is pulling things together at this time and getting things ready. Last year we sold over 875 tickets and made over \$7,000 for the Daily Bread Food Pantry. Our goal every year is to sell 1,000 tickets and have beautiful weather the day of the event. Tickets are on sale. **Tickets are \$12 in advance of September 13<sup>th</sup> and \$13 on September 13<sup>th</sup> or after.** For information, please contact Rhea Levy-Fry, 610-287-7889. Tickets may also be purchased online at this link:

<https://buytickets.at/dailybreadcommunityfoodpantry/548074>. Thank you!

**School Supplies** - Once again we will be assembling school supplies for the Daily Bread Community Food Pantry at our church. We will start in mid-July and continue through the month of August. We will be packing them in the Fellowship Hall which gives us plenty of room to spread out. We usually meet about 5 times. You don't have to sign up for every time. I will put you on the list and will contact you to see if you are able to attend. We can always use help from men moving the bins to be unloaded onto the tables prior to packing and loading the bins of packed supplies into my van after they are packed. If you would like to help, please contact Anne Ryan, 215-256-4448. Thank you so very much!

**Life Line Screening** - Life Line is coming to HUC. The nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Heidelberg United Church on **Tuesday August 31, 2021**. A package of five screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered: • Carotid artery ultrasound to identify plaque buildup in the carotid arteries, a major risk factor for stroke • Abdominal aortic aneurysm ultrasound to identify presence of an enlargement in the largest blood vessel in the body • An EKG to identify the presence of atrial fibrillation, which increases the risk for stroke • Ultrasound of the lower legs to look for plaque buildup known as peripheral artery disease • Ultrasound of the shin bone to identify risk for osteoporosis These 5 vital screenings are offered for only \$149 and take 60-90 minutes to complete. If you register today, you will receive a \$10 discount. **To register for your appointment please call 1-888-653-6450 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/) community-partners**

The **Property Committee** has reported that the flower beds need weeding. If you find some spare time and are willing, please help them out. Many hands make light work.

**A special thank you** to all our Heidelberg friends for the many prayers, cards, notes, words of encouragement, comfort, memories shared, and wisdom sent to us on the passing of our mother, Leone Slyh. These were all very helpful and inspirational to us. Mom enjoyed coming to events at Heidelberg when she was able and was glad we made Heidelberg our home church! We are grateful for the friendship of each and every one of you! Donna and Bruce Lohr

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

**Our Prayer List**

COVID-19 Vaccinations

**We mourn the death of Ed George  
Let us remember his family in our prayers**

Angela Hoerner, Family of Evelyn Krajnik, Tom Cressman, Bob Messersmith, Corrine Mininger, Donna Gill, Michele Small, Witmayer family upon the passing of Charles Witmayer, Bob McHugh, Eric & Noel Lauman, family of Earl Bookheimer, Carolyn Barndt, Loreen Miller, Charmaine Maddrey-Smith, Lohr family on the passing of Leone Slyh, Patricia Godfrey, Hanna & baby Grayson, Pastor Ken Cook, Family of James Cameron, Family of Lester Seiders, Mike Sherin, family of Sylvia Wood, William Ricci, Madeline Barrett, Gladys Knechel, Ernie & Millie Knechel, Wes and Beth, Kenny Rushing, Peter Doerner, Bob Parmele, Bill Ryan, Pat Halstead, Rosina Heaslip, Dolores Knauer, Rustam Saryev, Al Ryen, Forcinio Family, Popelik Family, Bryan family, Ralph Heacock, Bob Stahley, Ariel Campf, Nancy Miley, Bill Neas, Lee Gordon, Bev Sivick, Robin Michener, Colleen Slater, Dawn Zottoli, Gayle Shinn, Walt Cowfer, Larry Markle, Jimmy, Larry Smalls, Paul Studenroth

**People lifted up in prayer will remain on the prayer list for a period of one month. Please ask the Pastor during worship or contact the office to lift up those persons needing additional prayers.**