
HEIDELBERG UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
251 PERKIOMEN AVENUE, SCHWENKSVILLE, PA 19473
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SERVICE CONDUCTED ON FACEBOOK LIVE & IN-PERSON WORSHIP
JULY 25, 2021

Today's Thought:

"I am one who would rather sink with faith than swim without it." ~ Stanley Baldwin

Centering Words:

Fools say in their hearts: "There is no God." The faithful prove the foolishness of these words, not with their words, but with their actions.

** = Stand in Body or Spirit*

GATHERING TOGETHER

Ringing the Bell

9:30am

Welcome

Pastor Adrian

Prelude

"I Love You, O Lord"
(Based on Psalm 18)

Guitarist - Steve Patterson

Call to Worship

Pastor Adrian

L: Friends, let us worship God today, for God is great –

P: God has blessed us with life, with faith, and with community.

L: Let us worship God today, for God is good –

P: God forgives us, and encourages us, and loves us.

L: Let us worship God today –

P: Because we are God's people.

L: Let us worship God.

Prayer of Invocation

* Opening Hymn

"Glory Be to God on High"

#35

Glory be to God on high, Alleluia! Let the whole creation cry, Alleluia!

Peace and blessing God has given, Alleluia! Earth repeat the songs of heaven, Alleluia!

Creatures of the field and flood, Alleluia! Earth and sea cry "God is good," Alleluia!

Toiling pilgrims raise the song, Alleluia! Saints in light the strain prolong, Alleluia!

Stars that have no voice to raise, Alleluia! Give to God their radiant praise, Alleluia!

Silent powers and angels' song, Alleluia! All unto our God belong, Alleluia!

* Call to Confession

Pastor Adrian

When we offer God our confession, we join the beautiful work of reconciliation, which begins with our reconciling with God. Confident in God's grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another ...

* Prayer of Confession – Silent Prayer

Smiling God, you delight in your creation. You spread your palette of reds and golds, purples and greens for all to see. But we get caught up in speeding through life, intent on accomplishing more, yet somehow enjoying it less. Open our eyes to the wonder all around. Spin us around to see and appreciate. Let music touch our hearts and laughter fill our souls. Slow us down enough to marvel at the splendor around us and to let loose a prayer of thanks. Stir us to be a community of joy, a center of healing, a people of love, peace, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control. In your loving name, we pray. Amen. [Silent Prayer]

* Words of Assurance

The love of God is your firm foundation; by faith you are rooted deeply in the Lord. May you know the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. 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.

Special Music "There Are Some Things I May Not Know" (Yes, God Is Real) Vocalist - 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 14

Pew Bible pg#430

Ephesians 3:14-21

Pew Bible pg#950

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

* Gospel Lesson (NRSV)

Pastor Adrian

Mark 16:9-20

Pew Bible pg#830

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

"Your All Conquering Faith"

Rev. J. William Massey

Hymn

"Faith of Our Fathers" (Verses 1,3,4)

#418

Faith of our fathers, living still in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword. O how our hearts beat high with joy when-e'er we hear that glorious word! Faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers, we will love both friend and foe in all our strife, and preach thee, too, as love knows how, by kindly words and virtuous life. Faith of our mothers, holy faith, we will be true to thee till death.

Faith of the ages, God's great power shall win all nations unto thee, and through the truth that comes from God, all souls will then indeed be free. Faith of the ages, holy faith, we will be true to thee till death.

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

"The Blood of Jesus Speaks For Me"

Vocalist - Christie Lohr

Call to Offering

Pastor Adrian

James 1:22 reminds us, "Don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves." Let us be doers of the word as we bring our tithes and 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

Generous God, thank you for the gifts you bestow upon us daily. Make us aware of each blessing that comes our way - and create in us the constant desire to be blessings for others. Bless what we bring before you, we pray. Amen.

GOING INTO THE WORLD

* Closing Hymn

"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

#424

We walk by faith and not by sight; no gracious words we hear from Christ who spoke as none e'er spoke, who still we know is near.

We may not touch Christ's hands and side, nor follow where Christ trod; but in confessing we rejoice; our Savior and our God!

Help then, O Christ, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found:

That, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light we may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

* 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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Sermon Notes:

A&B = **A**bsolute **B**elief

FAITH = **F**inally **A**ttaining the **I**nfallible **T**ruth from **H**eaven

HOPE = **H**overing **O**ver the **P**erplexities, our **E**ternal persuader God, urges Jesus into our lives

SERVANT = **S**olidly **E**MBEDDED in **R**eVereNce for **V**itality in the **A**lmighty **N**ame of Jesus until the **T**ime he calls us home

HOLY = **H**umble, **O**bedient, **L**oving, and ever **Y**eARNING to demonstrate the lifestyle of Jesus

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Arrangements	Matt McDowell	Kathy Shott
Head Usher	Skip & Lynda Ayres	Pam Alvarez
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Greeters	Skip & Lynda Ayres	Denise Homan
Technology	Doug MacWade & Brian Pippert	Doug MacWade & Brian Pippert
Nursery Care	Gretchen Barkman	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.

Today - Rev. Massey will be offering the sermon this morning and following worship you are invited to join us in celebrating Bill's 90th birthday! Cake and ice-cream will be served just outside the Narthex. Grab a treat and take the opportunity to greet Bill.

Next Sunday - We will celebrate the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion! We invite our virtual worshippers to have elements for communion prepared so as to commune with us.

Nursery Care - The Nursery will be staffed on the 2nd and 4th Sundays during the summer months June-August.

Thank You - As always, HUCC came through big time! We were able to bless Noel and Eric Lauman with \$975 in gift cards. Thank you for blessing this young couple and their family. God bless you all.

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 13th and \$13 on September 13th 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/ community-partners**

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