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**HEIDELBERG UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**251 PERKIOMEN AVENUE, SCHWENKSVILLE, PA 19473**  
**TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**HOLY BAPTISM & HOLY COMMUNION**  
**SERVICE CONDUCTED ON FACEBOOK LIVE & IN-PERSON WORSHIP**  
**AUGUST 1, 2021**  
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*Today's Thought:*

*"Jesus Christ is God's everything for humanity's total needs." ~ Richard Christian Halverson*

*Centering Words:*

*Encourage one another to live as people worthy of God's calling.*

*\* = Stand in Body or Spirit*

**GATHERING TOGETHER**

*Ringing the Bell*

9:30am

Welcome

Pastor Adrian

Prelude

"Prelude & Fugue in C Major"

Debbie Bacak  
**Guest Organist**

Call to Worship

L: As one body of Christ,

**P: we gather together this day.**

L: Blessed by one Spirit,

**P: we gather in unity and love.**

Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Adrian

\* Opening Hymn

"God Is Here" (Verses 1,2,3)

#253

**God is here! As pilgrim people met to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.**

**Here are symbols to remind us of our life-long need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.**

**Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us, as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.**

\* Call to Confession

Pastor Adrian

*We who are tossed about in a sea of competing images and priorities are summoned before God to be drawn back to a life centered by faith. Let us call upon God's mercy and forgiveness. Confident in God's grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another ...*

\* Prayer of Confession – Silent Prayer

**Gracious God, we want to live as people worthy of your calling. Help us recognize your gifts and blessings, that we may live up to our calling and bless others with our words and our lives. When we fall short, have mercy on us. When we don't know our mistakes, speak truth to us with your loving guidance. Create a new heart within us, a heart full of love and gratitude. Nourish us with the grace of your presence, that we may indeed live as people worthy of your calling. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen. [Silent Prayer]**

\* Words of Assurance

*In Christ's grace, our hearts are cleansed and our lives are made whole. In Christ's grace, we receive forgiveness and are loved for life. Hear clearly 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

"Fisherman Peter"

Vocalists – Waldron Family

**CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM**

*We welcome Richard "Trip" Francis DiSammartino to the waters of baptism today. Trip is the son of Richie and Kati DiSammartino and grandson of Joe and Irene Ruggiano. Trip's Godparents are Diana Stewart and Trenton Pierce.*

***Please follow along with the service ...***

**Invitation**

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

I present *Richard "Trip" DiSammartino* for baptism.

**Welcome**

L: They were bringing children to Jesus that Jesus might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, Jesus was indignant, and said to them,

**P: "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the realm of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the realm of God like a child shall not enter it."**

L: And Jesus took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

L: The sacrament of baptism is an outward and visible sign of the grace of God. Inasmuch as the promise of the gospel is not only to us but also to our children, baptism with water and the Holy Spirit is the mark of their acceptance into the care of Christ's church, the sign and seal of their participation in God's forgiveness, and the beginning of their growth into full Christian faith and discipleship.

**P: This is the water of baptism. Out of this water we rise with new life, forgiven of sin and one in Christ, members of Christ's body.**

**The Sacrament of Baptism**

**(Questions for the parents and Godparents)**

Minister: Richie and Kati - Do you desire to have your child baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

**Parents: We do.**

Minister: Will you encourage Trip to renounce the powers of evil and to receive the freedom of new life in Christ?

**Parents & Godparents: We will, with God's help.**

Minister: Will you teach Trip that he may be led to profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

**Parents & Godparents: We will, with God's help.**

Minister: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciples, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

**Parents & Godparents: We will, with God's help.**

Minister: Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow with Trip in the Christian faith, to help him to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, by celebrating Christ's presence, by furthering Christ's mission in all the world, and by offering the nurture of the Christian church so that he may affirm his baptism?

**Parents & Godparents: We will, with God's help.**

***(Question for the congregation)***

Minister to Congregation: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to Trip about to be baptized, as he lives and grows in Christ?

**Congregation: We promise our love, support, and care.**

***Affirmation of Faith***

L: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God:

L: Do you believe in God?

**P: I believe in God.**

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**P: I believe in Jesus Christ.**

L: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**P: I believe in the Holy Spirit.**

L: The Lord be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

Minister: *Let us pray:* We thank you, God, for the gift of creation called forth by your saving Word. Before the world had shape and form, your Spirit moved over the waters. Out of the waters of the deep, you formed the firmament and brought forth the earth to sustain all life. In the time of Noah, you washed the earth with the waters of the flood, and your ark of salvation bore a new beginning. In the time of Moses, your people Israel passed through the Red Sea waters from slavery to freedom and crossed the flowing Jordan to enter the promised land. In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus Christ, who was nurtured in the water of Mary's womb. Jesus was baptized by John in the water of the Jordan, became living water to a woman at the Samaritan well, washed the feet of the disciples, and sent them forth to baptize all the nations by water and the Holy Spirit.

Bless by your Holy Spirit, gracious God, this water {water is poured}. By your Holy Spirit save those who confess the name of Jesus Christ that sin may have no power over them. Create new life in Trip baptized this day that he may rise in Christ. Glory to you, eternal God, the one who was, and is, and shall always be, world without end. Amen.

Richard "Trip" Francis DiSammartino, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Trip, child of the covenant, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. God who began a good work in you will bring it to completion. Amen.

***Prayer for the Baptized***

Minister: *Let us pray for Trip baptized today:* Gracious God, you have filled the world with joy by giving us the gift of Jesus. Bless Trip this newly baptized Child of God. May he be filled with joy; may he never be ashamed to confess a personal faith in you. Bless Richie and Kati, his parents and Diana and Trenton, his Godparents. May they always show their gratitude for the life you have given by loving and caring for

Trip. Bless these your faithful people. Unite them in the peace of Christ and the company of the Holy Spirit.

**ALL: Amen.**

Hymn "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" (Verses, 1,3) #306

**Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign,  
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.**

**Child of joy, our dearest treasure, God's you are; from God you came.  
Back to God we humbly give you: live as one who bears Christ's name.**

### 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 51:1-12

Pew Bible pg#452

Ephesians 4:1-16

Pew Bible pg#951

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

\* Gospel Lesson (NRSV)

John 6:24-35

Pastor Adrian

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 Bread of Life"*

Rev. Adrian Tierson

Hymn

"One Bread, One Body" (Verse 1)

#S-28

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many through-out the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.**

**Gentile or Jew, servant or free woman or man, no more. One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many through-out the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.**

### SHARING FAITH & LIFE

Joys, Concerns & Announcements

Pastor Adrian

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Adrian

Call to Offering

Pastor Adrian

*Whatever measure of grace and giftedness you have been given, it is enough. From this measure, you are invited to share yourselves with God and with God's world.*

\* 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

**For calling us into ministry with you, we give you thanks and praise, O God. For gracing us with gifts and abundance, we are ever grateful. Bless these gifts we now dedicate to you, that they may nourish others with the grace of your presence. In gratitude, we pray. Amen.**

**CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Communion Hymn

"Come to the Table"

**Come to the table of mercy, prepared with the wine and the bread. All who are hungry and thirsty, come, and your souls will be fed. Come at the Lord's invitation; receive from his nail-scarred hand. Eat of the bread of salvation; drink of the blood of the Lamb.**

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: Christ's table is spread for all of us—a place of gathering, of fellowship and of praise. Let us rejoice as we respond to God's gracious invitation to receive these gifts of Christ's body and blood that we may be strengthened to live as faithful disciples.

**PRAYER**

L: The Lord be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**P: We lift them 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, to bring our thanks and gratitude to you, God of love and grace. Since the beginning of time, you have created us in your image, nourished us with your wisdom and grace, called us into relationship with you, and invited us to live lives worthy of your calling. When we failed to live in a manner worthy of this calling, and when we wandered lost on the paths of death and destruction, you continued to walk with us, nourishing us with your wisdom and grace. In the words of prophets and poets, you have spoken your truth in love, reminding us of your call, and showing us the way to answer it. In the fullness of time, you came to us as the bread of life, as Jesus the Christ, speaking truth in new and renewing ways, calling us to unity and peace, showering us with mercy and grace, and inviting us to live as your people on earth.

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 Christ Jesus, the bread of life. With joy and gratitude, we now remember ...

**REMEMBERING**

L: On the night in which he gave himself up for us, Jesus took a simple loaf of bread, broke it, and transformed it with his love, saying: "Take, eat, this is my body, the bread of life, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, Jesus took the cup, blessing it with gratitude and transforming it with love and grace saying: "Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood, my very life, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

L: And so, in remembrance of these, your mighty acts of nourishing love and grace, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving. Called to be your people, and yearning to live worthy of our calling in the unity and peace of your Spirit, and 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 juice. Make them be for us the bread of life and cup of salvation. May they strengthen us to live as your people, and may they nourish us with grace for eternal life.

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 the heavenly banquet.

L: Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forevermore.

**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)*

**(Virtual instruction:** We will serve the elements to those physically present. While this is taking place have your elements prepared at home. Once all are served we will lift the elements **together** and **say**, **"These are the gifts of God for the people of God."** The pastor will continue, "come, for all things are ready!" We will then share in this sacred meal together, at the pastor's prompting.)

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION IS SERVED**

**Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal realm. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**GOING INTO THE WORLD**

\* Closing Hymn

"I Love to Tell the Story"

#360

**I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.**

**I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.**

**I love to tell the story, 'twill by my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

**I love to tell the story, 'tis pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet. I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy word. I love to tell the story, 'twill by my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

**I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. I love to tell the story, 'twill by my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his 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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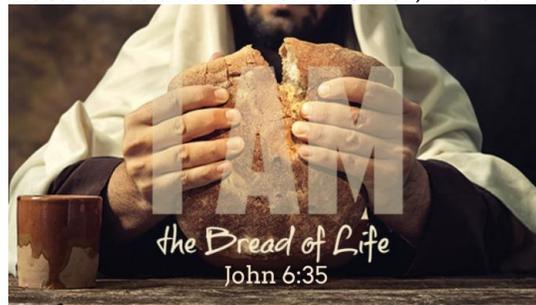
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**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**TODAY**

**NEXT SUNDAY**

Arrangements

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Denise Homan

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Technology

Doug MacWade & Brian Pippert

Doug MacWade & Brian Pippert

Nursery Care

None

Stephanie Hapenovich

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** - 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays during the summer 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.

**Newsletter Deadline** - Material for the September 2021 Newsletter is DUE in the church office by **Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**SAVE THE DATE - Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>** 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 are assembling school supplies for the Daily Bread Community Food Pantry at our church. We will 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!

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.

**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**

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