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**HEIDELBERG UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**251 PERKIOMEN AVENUE, SCHWENKSVILLE, PA 19473**  
**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**SERVICE CONDUCTED ON FACEBOOK LIVE & IN-PERSON WORSHIP**  
**SEPTEMBER 13, 2020**  
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*Today's Thought:*

*"Humanity is never so beautiful as when praying for forgiveness or else forgiving another."*

*~ Jean Paul Richter*

*Centering Words:*

*Sing to our God, who brings us into a future of hope and life.*

*\* = Stand in Body or Spirit*

**GATHERING TOGETHER**

*Ringing the Bell*

10:30am

Welcome

Pastor Adrian

Prelude

"O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"

Pat Clemens

Call to Worship

L: Sing of God's mercy and grace.

**P: Sing of God's strength and might.**

L: Praise God with laughter and joy.

**P: Praise God with feasting and dance.**

L: For God protects the lowly and avenges the misdeeds of the mighty.

**P: God brings forth justice and righteousness, saving the weak from the cruelty of the powerful.**

L: Sing of God's mercy and grace.

**P: Sing of God's strength and might.**

Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Adrian

\* Opening Hymn

"Praise Our God, All Glories Show"

**Praise our God, all glories show, Alleluia! Saints within these courts below, Alleluia!**

**Angels round the throne above, Alleluia! All that see and share God's love. Alleluia!**

**Earth to heaven, and heaven, to earth, Alleluia! Tell of wonders, sing of worth, Alleluia!**

**Age to age, and shore to shore, Alleluia! Singing praises evermore! Alleluia!**

**Praise our God, all mercies trace, Alleluia! Sing of providence and grace, Alleluia!**

**All that God for us has done, Alleluia! All God sends us through the Son. Alleluia!**

**Strings and voices, hands and hearts, Alleluia! In the concert, bear your parts; Alleluia!**

**All that breathe, your God adore, Alleluia! Singing praises evermore! Alleluia!**

\* Call to Confession

Pastor Adrian

*Why do we pass judgment on our brothers and sisters? Why do we quarrel with those whose ways are different from our own? How can we despise another who is also a child of God? How can we ignore the suffering of other human beings? Surely we have much to confess to our God. Confident in God's grace, together let us confess our sin before God and one another ...*

\* Prayer of Confession – Silent Prayer

**Lord, your grace and mercy are ever-present in our lives, your forgiveness is boundless in mercy when we fail to live in Christlike ways. And yet, we are quick to carry a grudge—quick to find fault, quick to assign blame, quick to harden our hearts toward others. Set us apart, loving God, to extend and model the grace you have shown us by offering grace to others. We pray in the name of the One who died so that we might fully live. Amen. [Silent Prayer]**

\* Words of Assurance

*L: As Christ has forgiven us, we are to forgive others. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.*

***P: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.***

***All: Praise to God who has triumphed gloriously.***

*L: 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

"Forgiveness"

Pastor Adrian

Hymn

"Freely, Freely"

**God forgave my sin in Jesus' name, I've been born again in Jesus' name,  
And in Jesus' name I come to you to share His love as He told me to.**

**He said, "Freely, freely you have received; freely, freely give.  
Go in my name and because you believe, others will know that I live."**

**All power is given in Jesus' name, in earth and heaven, in Jesus' name;  
And in Jesus' name I come to you to share his power as he told me to.**

**He said, "Freely, freely you have received; freely, freely give.  
Go in my name and because you believe, others will know that I live."**

### **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

Exodus 14:19-31

Romans 14:1-12

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

\* Gospel Lesson (NRSV)

Pastor Adrian

Matthew 18:21-35

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

*"Embodying Forgiveness"*

Rev. Adrian Tierson

Hymn

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

**There's a wideness in god's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;  
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.  
There's no place where earthly sorrows are more felt than in God's heaven;  
There's no place where earthly failings have such kindly judgment given.**

**For the love of God is broader than the measures of our minds;  
And the heart of the eternal is most wonderfully kind.  
If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's word;  
And our lives would show thanksgiving for the goodness of our God.**

### **SHARING FAITH & LIFE**

Joys, Concerns & Announcements

Pastor Adrian

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Adrian

Call to Offering

Pastor Adrian

*With hearts filled with song, let us bring forth our gifts and offer Christ our very lives, that God might work miracles of hope through our giving and our living.*

\* 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

**We offer to you, loving God, all that we have and all that we are. Take and shape our gifts, and take and shape our lives, that we might be agents of justice and fairness in this hurting world. We pray in Christ's name. 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	Cindy Cook	Cindy Cook
Head Usher	Pat Cook	Pat Cook
Acolyte	Lily Waldron	Benjamin Pitkoff
Liturgist	Nancy Woodrow	Vicki Bosler
Song Leader	Tina Richards	Christie Lohr
Greeters	Ron Sivick	Matt McDowell
	Bob Messersmith	Penny Berger
Technology	Doug MacWade & Brian Pippert	Doug MacWade & Brian Pippert

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.

**Next Sunday** - Worship Service (September 20<sup>th</sup>): "Facebook Live" and In-Person Worship at 10:30am. We are excited to be able to welcome you to worship in the sanctuary today. Please take a moment to read over the Guidelines in place for in-person worship ... they can be found on our website (hucc.net), and posted within the building. Updated guidelines for the fall season are now available. Please read your newsletter and/or check our website.

**Youth Sunday School** - Will resume on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Classes will be held during the 10:30am worship service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays. Please watch your bulletin and newsletter for detailed information. Sara McDowell will be sending out registration forms very soon.

**Nursery Care** - Will resume on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Nursery will be offered on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays following the Children's Chat portion of worship.

**New Members** - If you are interested in making HUCC your church home, please see Pastor Adrian. We plan to welcome new members Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Audio-Visual Team** - Would you like to be part of a team that will become our AV experts for our services of worship? We are looking for about 6 people willing to learn the system and improve the system. Please reach out to Tina Richards at 215.534.3851 or [ssgrich@aol.com](mailto:ssgrich@aol.com)

**Ministry Opportunities: Greeter [Eleanor Risell], Head Usher [Cindy Cook], Special Music or Song Leader Subs [Pat Clemens or Pastor], and Nursery Care Attendants [Matt McDowell]** - Would you like to be a Sunday servant? Please reach out to get signed up!

**Daily Bread Community Food Pantry** - We are again accepting donations of food for the food pantry with the resumption of our church services.

**Church Yard Sale – Volunteers needed -September 19** from 9am-1pm.

Contact Eleanor Risell 610-287-9520 if you want to sell your own things. Double parking spots will be for rent for the low price of \$10 (cash)- you provide any tables, chairs, or canopy cover.

Call Tina Richards (215) 534-3851 if you just want to be rid of your things, HUCC will take them and sell them. Accepting anything that can fit into a 24" x 18" x 15" box. Bigger items will need special arrangements. **ABSOLUTELY NO DROP OFFS AT THE CHURCH WITHOUT AN APPOINTMENT.**

Tina needs movers the week prior, sturdy volunteers on sale day to help with morning set-up and afternoon tear-down, as well as helpers to staff the tables.

**Texas Roadhouse Fundraising Event** – Support HUCC on **Sunday, September 27**. You may dine-in, dine-out, or pick-up curbside meals at the Texas Roadhouse in Royersford from 12pm-3pm. 10% of your food bill will be donated back to the church. Flyers are available on the table in the Narthex and will be included in the upcoming newsletter. **Flyers** must be presented at the time of purchase.

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

## **Our Prayer List**

First responders, nurses, doctors, truckers, grocery workers,  
church leadership and all the service providers. Vaccine for COVID-19,  
those affected by California Wildfires

Berta Lynch, Helen Hewish, Don Richards, Gladys Knechel and family, Pam, Dean Clark, Jim Cameron, Jenny Mueller-Bune and her family, Andrew Modica, Family of Jim Biever, Scott Moyer family, Ralph Heacock, Fred, Alex Lado & family, Teddy Agee, Arner family, Kim Forrest, Stefanie Stoyanov, Theresa Ahrens, Corrine Miller, Jeanette Kriebel, Abby Connelly, Luke, Bette Beatty, Stephanie Moody, Barb Slater, Baby Lillian, Ernie, Ray, Mark Naples entering the US Army, Steve & Kathy Donnelly, Jim Beideman and family, Lee Gordon, Danielle Wright, Bev Sivick, Robin Michener, Nancy Miley, Leone Slyh, Colleen Slater, Sarah Boudier, Tracy Campanaro, Bonaventure-Derenoncourt family, Dawn & Paul Zottoli, Gayle Shinn, Ed George, Benjamin Pitkoff, Kim Farber, Walt Cowfer, Cathi Miller, 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.**