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**HEIDELBERG UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**251 PERKIOMEN AVENUE, SCHWENKSVILLE, PA 19473**  
**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**SERVICE CONDUCTED ON FACEBOOK LIVE & IN-PERSON WORSHIP**  
**SEPTEMBER 20, 2020**  
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*Today's Thought:*

*"Love is a fruit in season at all times and within the reach of every hand." ~ Martin Luther*

*Centering Words:*

*United in one spirit, we are called to stand strongly. United in one mind, we are called to live faithfully.*

*United in one God, we are called to love abundantly.*

*\* = Stand in Body or Spirit*

**GATHERING TOGETHER**

*Ringing the Bell*

10:30am

Welcome

Pastor Adrian

Prelude

"Voluntary 1"

Pat Clemens

Call to Worship

L: Come near to the Lord.

**P: Lord, be with us this day.**

L: Lift your sorrows and joys to the Lord.

**P: Lord, hear the cries of our hearts.**

L: Come, rest in the love and mercy of God.

**P: Bless us, O Lord, that we may be blessings for others in your name.**

Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Adrian

\* Opening Hymn

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

**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

*Remember that our Lord Jesus Christ is able to sympathize with us in our weaknesses. In every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Confident in God's grace, together let us confess our sin before God and one another ...*

\* Prayer of Confession – Silent Prayer

**Forgive us, Mighty God, when we doubt your strength. Assure us, Faithful God, when we doubt your constant presence. Renew us, Loving God, when we neglect to love others as you have loved us. Empower us with your strength, and encourage us with your steadfast love. Unite us through the power of your Holy Spirit, that we might live with a faith that honors you, and abides with a hope that encourages others to know your love and grace. We pray through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen. [Silent Prayer]**

\* Words of Assurance

*Feel the comforting power of God's love and mercy in your lives. God is with us through all our experiences. Though we try we cannot stray from God's love. Rejoice! This is the good news for all of us: 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

"A Generous God"

Pastor Adrian

Special Music

"I Feel the Spirit"

Vocalists: Christie Lohr  
Isabella Yackanicz

### **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

Jonah 3:10-4:11

Philippians 1:21-30

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

\* Gospel Lesson (NRSV)

Pastor Adrian

Matthew 20:1-16

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 Kingdom of Heaven is Like ..."

Rev. Adrian Tierson

Hymn "Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound"

**Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound that saved and set me free!  
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.**

**My God has promised good to me, whose word my hope secures;  
God will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.**

### **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.**

Call to Offering

Pastor Adrian

*God has generously blessed us and granted us the privilege of sharing our blessings with others. Thanks be to God for his sacred trust.*

\* 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

**As we remember your wonderful works, we are grateful for your many blessings, and are honored to return these gifts to you. As we return these gifts to you, bless them and send them forth, that others may be showered with your love and grace. In faithful trust, we pray. Amen.**

### **GOING INTO THE WORLD**

\* Closing Hymn

"God Our Author and Creator"

**God our Author and Creator, in whose life we find our own,  
make our daily witness greater, by our lives make your love known.  
Help us show how love embraces those whom fear and greed down-trod;  
in all yearning hearts and faces let us see a child of God.**

**Like those first apostles, Savior, give us strength to love and serve:  
when our fainting spirits waver, fire our hearts and steel our nerve.  
Teach us wisdom and compassion: bid our restless thoughts be still;  
by your guidance help us fashion lives conformed to your will.**

**Keep us faithful, Holy Spirit, help us bear the message true,  
 that at last all lands may hear it: "God is love; Christ died for you."  
 Join our lives in mighty chorus till we come from every place,  
 with all those who went before us, to the fullness of God's grace.**

\* 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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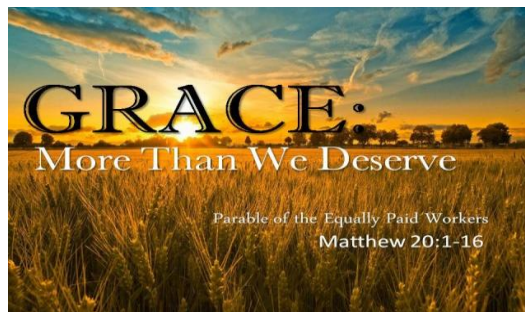
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**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

	<b>TODAY</b>	<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>
Arrangements	Cindy Cook	Cindy Cook
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Liturgist	Vicki Bosler	Alicia Alvarez
Song Leader	Christie Lohr	Christie Lohr
Greeters	Matt McDowell & Penny Berger	Warren & Nancy Doerner
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 27<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 found on our website ([www.hucc.net](http://www.hucc.net)), September newsletter, and posted within the building.

**Youth Sunday School** - Will resume NEXT 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 fill out the registration form sent to you by e-mail or on our website ([www.hucc.net](http://www.hucc.net)).

**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.

**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.