

HEIDELBERG UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
251 PERKIOMEN AVENUE, SCHWENKSVILLE, PA 19473
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SERVICE CONDUCTED ON FACEBOOK LIVE & IN-PERSON WORSHIP
SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

Today's Thought:

"God became what we are that he might make us what he is." ~ St. Athanasius of Alexandria

Centering Words:

I come today, just as I am, with tears and laughter. I come to you, Jesus, Healer and Life-giver.

* = Stand in Body or Spirit

GATHERING TOGETHER

Ringing the Bell

10:30am

Welcome

Pastor Adrian

Prelude

"Be Thou My Vision"

Pat Clemens

Call to Worship

Pastor Adrian

L: For welcoming us into your house,

P: we praise you, O God.

L: For your steadfast love, and righteousness,

P: we praise you, O God.

L: For giving us courage when we are afraid,

P: we praise you, O God.

L: We praise you, O God, offering ourselves as instruments of your peace, love, and justice.

P: We come before God with praising and rejoicing. God's steadfast love endures forever!

Prayer of Invocation

* Opening Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

#10

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee; Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty; God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! all the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, God ever living, through eternity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! though the darkness hide thee, though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see; only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea; Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty; God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

* Call to Confession

Pastor Adrian

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; yet we are justified by the gift of God's grace through the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus. Confident in God's grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another ...

* Prayer of Confession – Silent Prayer

Dear Jesus, Teacher and Healer of the Way, we come from a busy week of tasks and obligations. In this quiet time, we have a chance to reflect on how we have lived our lives this week. We have an opportunity to explore the hopes that you have - hopes for compassions for the weak, justice for the mistreated, and love for friends and strangers. We thank you and praise you for your love and power. We rejoice that you have helped us to be like you; and we regret when we have not been like you. Pick us up where we have fallen. Touch us with your renewing grace. Create in us loyal partners in your Kingdom’s work. In your mercy and grace, we pray. Amen. [Silent Prayer]

* Words of Assurance

Jesus forgives us when we wander. He raises us up to live with courage and hope and love. Hear the good news: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

* Gloria Patri, adapted "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"



Glo - ry to God, whose good-ness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace *has
World with-out end, with-out end, A-men. World with-out end, with - out
par - doned me, and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free. As it
end, A - men. World with-out end, with - out end, A men.
was in the be-gin - ning, is now and ev-er shall be, A - men.

Children's Chat
Special Music

"Salty"
"Be Kind to Yourself"

Pastor Adrian
Vocalist: Steve Freed

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 124

Pew Bible pg#498

James 5:13-20

Pew Bible pg#983

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

* Gospel Lesson (NRSV)

Pastor Adrian

Mark 9:38-50

Pew Bible pg#821

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

* Gospel Alleluia



Sermon

"Good, True, and Beautiful"

Rev. Adrian Tierson

Hymn

"Here I Am, Lord"

#S-14

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them, they turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them, my hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

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

We become a flavorful and peaceful community by sharing the gifts of our lives with the world. We are a compassionate and generous people, so let us give joyfully.

* 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

Dear Jesus, make us and our gifts salt for the world. Make us and our gifts the source of comfort and relief to the suffering, joy and courage to all. Bless our gifts of presence and treasure, that people may recognize you, Lord, in our lives and in our world. In your loving name, we pray. 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 be 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 be 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 be 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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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Arrangements	Cindy Cook	Ron Sivick
Head Usher	Pat Cook	Cindy Cook
Acolyte	Alexis Ramirez	Alexis Ramirez
Liturgist	Eleanor Risell	Peg Wright
Song Leader	Steve Freed	Anthony Alvarez
Greeters	Skip & Lynda Ayres	Anne Ryan
Technology	Doug MacWade & Brian Pippert	Doug MacWade & Brian Pippert
Nursery Care	None - Sunday School Weekend	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.

Nursery Care - The Nursery will be staffed on the opposite Sunday's of Sunday School classes. The Nursery will be staffed again Sunday, October 3rd.

Next Sunday - We will celebrate World Communion Sunday. We invite our virtual worshippers to participate with us by having elements of bread and juice prepared.

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 at the end of October!

Board of Christian Education - Youth Sunday School has begun! Classes will be held *every other* Sunday following the Children's Chat portion of worship. Classes will be held again Sunday, October 10th.

Hurricane Ida Relief - The UCC has launched a Severe Storms 2021 appeal to receive donations for Hurricane Ida relief. To expedite your donation, please visit www.ucc.org/appeal-severe-storms-2021/ to make your gift. You may also text SevereStorm2021 to 41444 to make a donation. One can also mail a check made payable to the United Church of Christ PO BOX 71957 Cleveland, OH 44194. Please be sure to note "2021 Severe Storms" on your check in the memo section.

Schwenksville Disaster Relief Fund - There is a fundraiser being held at Ortino's Northside, 1355 Gravel Pike, Zieglerville for the victims of the flood on Sunday, October 3rd. Part of the fundraiser is a gift basket raffle. Anne Ryan will be collecting money for a money tree, created by Judy Glass and from Heidelberg United Church of Christ, for this fundraiser. If you would like to contribute money for the money tree, please see Anne Ryan. The last date for the collection is TODAY.

Volunteers Needed - The Daily Bread Community Food Pantry is looking for people to help stock shelves any day Monday-Saturday, 9am-noon. Please contact Anne Ryan 215-256-4448 if you are interested.

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends - We are participating in Boscov's Friends Helping Friends fundraiser on October 20. If you wish to purchase a 25% off discount in-store shopping pass for \$5.00 please contact the church office. 100% of your donation goes to HUCC.

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