

*And a voice came
“from heaven,
You are my Son,
the Beloved;
with you I am
well pleased.”*

Mark 1:11, NRSV



*Heidelberg Union Church
Sunday, February 21, 2021
Holy Communion*

Announcements:

During the prelude, we invite you to quiet your heart in preparation to worship God.

Prelude *“I Want Jesus To Walk With Me”*

Greeting

Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

Hymn *“Jesus Still Lead On”*

Jesus, still lead on till our rest be won.
And, although the way be cheerless,
we will follow, calm and fearless;
guide us by Your hand to our Fatherland.

If the way be drear, if the foe be near,
let not faithless fears o'ertake us,
let not faith and hope forsake us;
for, through many a woe, to our home we go.

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Most holy and merciful God,
we confess to you and to one another,
and before the whole company of heaven,
that we have sinned by our fault,

by our own fault,
by our own most grievous fault,
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

Have mercy on us, O God.

We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

Peace

May the peace of the Lord be with you

Also with you.

Scripture Reading

1st Reading

Genesis 9: 8-17 (NRSV)

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹ “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹² God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³ I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷ God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Psalms 25: 1-10 (NRSV)

¹ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

² O my God, in you I trust;

do not let me be put to shame;

do not let my enemies exult over me.

³ Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;

let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴ Make me to know your ways, O Lord;

teach me your paths.

⁵ Lead me in your truth, and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation;

for you I wait all day long.

⁶ Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,

for they have been from of old.

⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

according to your steadfast love remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

⁸ Good and upright is the Lord;

therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

⁹ He leads the humble in what is right,

and teaches the humble his way.

¹⁰ All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

2nd Reading

1 Peter 3: 18-22 (NRSV)

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gospel

Mark 1: 9-15 (NRSV)

The Baptism of Jesus

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

The Temptation of Jesus

¹² And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³ He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵ and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

Sermon

Special Music

“Draw Me Close” -Played by Patrick Kerssen

Prayer of Intersession

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence

For all who share the gospel and proclaim freedom in Christ throughout the world: prophets, teachers, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders; for the church and its ministries, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For all God's works in creation: plants and animals, water and soil, forests and farms; and for those tasked with protecting our natural resources and all that exists, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For government and leaders: cities and nations, rescue professionals and legal aid attorneys, elected officials and grassroots organizers; for all responsible for the well-being of civil society, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit: those who are sick and hospitalized, those living with HIV/AIDS, those struggling with mental illness, those who are hungry or homeless, and all in any need; for caregivers, hospice workers, and home health aides, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the concerns of this congregation: those who travel, those absent from worship, those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries; for the people of God in this place and for other needs in our community, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the covenant God made with us in the waters of baptism, in thanksgiving for the baptized who have died in the Lord, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Time of Offering

**Blessed are you, O God,
maker of all things.
Through your goodness
you have blessed us with
these gifts; ourselves,
our time, and our
possessions. Use us, and
what we have gathered,
in feeding the world
with your love, through
the one who gave him
self for us, Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord
Amen.**

Communion Meal

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;
in the water of the Jordan you proclaimed him you beloved Son,
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

The 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and glory forever. Amen.”

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in his grace
Amen.

Prayer

Oh God, we give you
thanks that you have set before us this
feast, the body and blood of your Son.
By your Spirit strengthen us to
serve all in need and give ourselves
away as bread for the hungry,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Closing Hymn *“Be Still My Soul”*

Be still, my soul, The Lord is on thy side
Bear patiently, the cross of grief or pain
Leave to thy God, to order and provide
In every change, He faithful will remain
Be still, my soul, thy best thy heavenly friend
Through thorny ways, leads to a joyful end

Be still, my soul, thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past
Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake
All now mysterious shall be bright at last
Be still, my soul, the waves and wind still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below

Blessing

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Sending Forth

Our worship has ended, but now our service begins.
Go from this place as the Body of Christ,
for the whole world awaits you.
So, live passionately, and love faithfully,
and celebrate every moment of your life
from now until the finale,
for the God of relentless grace goes with you.

Amen.

Choral Benediction

“Go Now in Peace”

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen, Amen, Amen.

Postlude

“Jesus Remember Me”

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Lay Reader- Corey Snyder

This week and a little beyond at Heidelberg:

Wednesday, February 24th	7:00 p.m.- Lent Service- WebEx/Zoom
Sunday, February 28th	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service - Zoom
Tuesday, March 9th	7:00 p.m.- Governing Body Meeting

Please note:

The letters behind each meeting corresponds with which area is being used. E=Elsewhere, FH-A=Fellowship Hall (kitchen side), FH-B=Fellowship Hall (bathroom side), FH-AB=Entire Fellowship Hall, L=Library, S=Sanctuary, OD=Outdoors, W=WebEx, Z=Zoom

Please note: If you have any announcements for the church, please notify the secretary by Wednesday morning. email to uccheidl@ptd.net or call 610-767-4740.

Zoom Virtual Church Service Information-

We realize WebEx has been a challenge for some. With the new updates to another option called Zoom, we found it to be a better choice for our online worship.

Once fully up and running in March (or maybe sooner) we will be able to show worship on the Zoom site, still be available for call in users, as well as directly connect to the Heidelberg Union Facebook page at the same time. This will give more options to tune in however you prefer. We can continue to use this method for Live Stream once we are able to come together indoors again.

We will be utilizing both WebEx and Zoom at the same time for the Lent Services and the last 2 Sunday worships for February. Please start attempting to transition over as we will no longer use WebEx in March.

Zoom Directions

Please use the link below to join the Zoom webinar for our church service.

No password is needed to join the webinar.

This is the Zoom link for Worship:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84805294745>

If you have Zoom downloaded on your computer or device:

- Click on or enter / go to the link above
- The link will take you to the service or the "waiting room" until the host logs in if you are early.

If you do not have Zoom downloaded:

- Click on or enter / go to the link above
- Look for the option... "Join From Your Browser" and click that link.
- This will take you to a place for you to type in your name.
- Next check the "I'm not a robot" check box.
- Follow the prompt to click on the pictures it asks for.
- Once it accepts your entry, you will be able to click on "Join" to connect to the service.

To dial-in and listen by phone:

- Call the number below and enter the webinar ID:
- +1 646 558 8656

Webinar ID: 848 0529 4745

As mentioned before, you will be able to also watch on the Heidelberg Union Facebook Page starting March (or sooner).

Please reach out if you have trouble with any of these instructions. We find the Zoom format much more user friendly and cost friendly, so we would like to be sure all can join us successfully.

Heidelberg Church Contributions - Please note, as we begin the process to become a Federated Ministry in 2021 we kindly ask to follow the instructions below, as part of this merging process we will be combining our finances.

Effective January 1, 2021 all contributions to Heidelberg Church for both Lutheran and UCC members are to send check payable to Heidelberg Union Church and mail to:

Heidelberg Union Church, 5187 Irvin Road, Slatington, PA 18080.

Attention: Debra Peters

Face Masks - Linda Fritzingler and Susan Bickert are voluntarily making washable face masks available to members of Heidelberg Church for a donation to the church.

Social App for all members of Heidelberg Union Church - All members are encouraged to download the Social app BAND on their cell phones and log onto HeidelbergUnion. People with Android/Apple phones can download the Band App from their App Store. Pastor Woody will do daily devotionals, offer encouragement, messages and prayers. This is for spiritual growth through all walks of life. Whether we are experiencing joy, turbulence or uncertainty in life, we are called to look at God's word for guidance in life. Enjoy, and if you want to have a discussion, we highly encourage a fruitful discussion.

Northern Lehigh Food Bank - Heidelberg Union Church will be collecting cans of yams to provide an Easter meal for the Northern Lehigh Food Bank Clients. Sunday March 14th is the last day to contribute. We will also collect items for the S.O.A.P. Closet (Save Our Appearance Please) for the Food Bank clients. This was an Eagle Scout project started many years ago for their clients. The items needed are bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes (individually packaged), shampoo, container and laundry detergent.



Can of yams and items for the S.O.A.P. Closet may be brought to the church on Sunday mornings when attending the drive-in worship service. Please place items on the front porch. Your generosity is always greatly appreciated by the clients.

-Betty Krause, Heidelberg Union Church Food Bank Representative

WebEx Pastoral Care - If you need pastoral care or to speak with our Pastor, you can call or schedule a WebEx session to meet. The WebEx session log in information will be the same as our Sunday services.

Easter Gift Cards

As of the printing of this bulletin, I will not be preparing food baskets on Good Friday.

However, the grocery gift cards we mailed out for Christmas were well received and very much appreciated. I am asking anyone wishing to contribute toward gift cards for needy families this Easter to please mail a check or grocery gift card of any amount to the church. Please mark the envelope Attn: Denise Snyder. I will be accepting checks/gift cards until March 21st.



Thank you in advance for your support of this ministry.

-God Bless, Denise Snyder

Egg Hunt 2021 Cancelled - Due to the continued situation with Covid19, the governing board decided to cancel the egg hunt. We are hopeful we will be able to have the event in 2022!

-“The Egg Lady”

In the Community Event Happening:

“The Bunny Hop Trunk Hunt” - March 28 sponsored by Upper Macungie Township Recreation to be held at Grange Park. Check it out on their website as you must pre-register



Heidelberg Altar Guild Easter Plants

The following Easter plants will be available to purchase: Lilies 5+ blooms for \$9 (white), Tulips 5+ blooms for \$7 (no color choice for Tulips, they will be sent assorted), Daffodils 5+ blooms for \$7 (yellow). The last day to place an order will be Sunday, March 7th. You will be notified of the day and time to pick up your plants at the church. Please call if you have any questions. Payment must accompany the order form which will be included in the March newsletter. Checks should be made payable to Heidelberg Union Altar Guild. Please send completed order form with payment.



Please mail checks and order forms to:

Betty Krause
3882 Mountain Road
Slatington, PA 1808

Truth + Love

Keep on giving- your time, your energy, your talent, your resources. Everything is a trust given to you to be used for the benefit of others.

—Eknath Easwara

