



Peace United Church of Christ
Worship Resources for The Second Sunday of Easter
April 27, 2025

Welcome

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,
Singing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.

Prayer of Praise and Thanks

*O Great Laughing God,
we come into your presence with joy and longing to be surprised.
We thank you that you have given to us the gift of laughter and delight.
These things give hints as to the nature of your purpose for us and all creation.
May we find that in giving up to laughter
there is healing and hope and abundance and blessing.
Tickle our souls with the brush of your Spirit
to renew our worship and our living. Amen*

~ from the United Church of Canada's Bay of Quinte Conference website. <http://www.bayofquinteconference.ca/>

Meditation

Prayers of the People/The Prayer of Our Savior (debts and debtors)

Closing Song “Joy to the World!”

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And Heaven and nature sing, and Heaven and nature sing,
and Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing!

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love, and wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.

Benediction & Sending Forth



"Those are the Saints. One day, they just came marching in."

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