

Peace United Church of Christ



Worship Resources for the Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost September 17, 2023

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 Invocation

*God, we come this day in humble devotion,
prepared to receive what you will offer
through the lively presence of your Spirit.*

*May we open our lives before you,
share our faults and learn our lessons,
that, as we emerge from this time of worship,
our lives will begin anew.*

Through Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen

Scripture Reading

Exodus 14: 19-31

Romans 14: 1-12

Meditation

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

Closing Hymn "Jesus Shall Reign"

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

For Him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown His head;
His Name, like sweet perfume shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.

Benediction & Sending Forth