

# Peace United Church of Christ



## Worship Resources for the Baptism of Christ New Year's Communion, January 7, 2024

*Please have your elements for Communion ready before viewing the service.*

### 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.

### Opening Prayer

*God of glory, we have come into this new year  
hoping for moments of grace and days of peace.  
Lord of love, you have come to us in the Christ,  
whose humility and compassion marked every encounter.  
As we celebrate his baptism and remember our own,  
infuse us with your Spirit, grow us in your Light!  
Amen*

**Scripture Reading**     Genesis 1: 1-5     Mark 1:4-11

### Meditation

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

### **Gather at the Welcome Table: The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Call to the Table**

**Communion Prayer**

**Breaking the Bread/Blessing the Cup**

**Sharing the Meal**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*God of beautiful light,  
thank you for breaking into our lives  
in Jesus, and entering our hearts through his body and blood.  
With joy and confidence,  
we begin this New Year at peace in His presence.  
Emmanuel, God with us always,  
shine in us and through us, we pray. Amen*

### **Closing Hymn “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of Thy redeeming love.

O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be! Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love; Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

### **Benediction & Sending Forth**