



Peace United Church of Christ
Worship Resources for the Second Sunday after the Epiphany
January 18, 2026

Welcome

Opening Hymn “Come Down, O Love Divine”

Come down, O love divine, seek Thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with Thine own ardor glowing.
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling;
For none can guess its grace, till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.

Prayer of Invocation

All that we are, God, we bring in these moments of worship.

As the doors to the New Year continue to creak open,

may we catch a glimpse of what Jesus is doing.

Whether it comes as a loud voice or a quiet sigh, may we hear

His invitation to explore, uncover,

and act in ways righteous and kind, with great love. Amen

Scripture Readings Isaiah 49: 1-7

John 1: 29-42

Meditation

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

Closing 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.

Benediction & Sending Forth