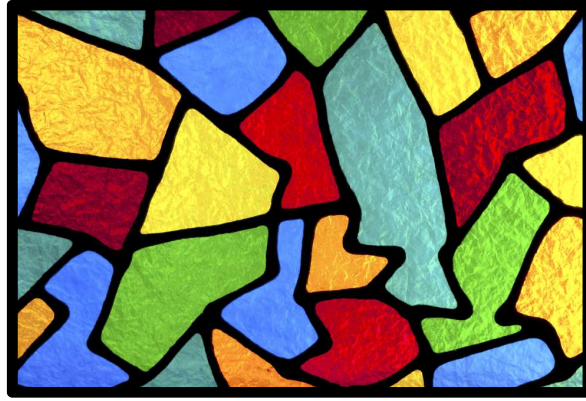


Peace United Church of Christ



Worship Resources for the Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost October 22, 2023

Welcome

Opening Hymn “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

Holy God, we praise Thy Name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee!
All on earth Thy scepter claim, All in Heaven above adore Thee;
Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign.

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name Thee;
While in essence only One, Undivided God we claim Thee;
And adoring bend the knee, While we own the mystery.

Prayer of Invocation

*God, when we think about what it means
to be bearers of your Word in Christ Jesus,
we confess a confusion with the messages of the world.
Where there is guilt, help us share the grace of Christ.
Where there is cruelty, help us offer Jesus' compassion.
Keep us connected to the Savior whose name we bear.
Amen*

Scripture Reading I Thessalonians 1: 1-10

Matthew 22: 15-22

Meditation

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

Closing Hymn “For the Beauty of the Earth”

For the beauty of the earth For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise, This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour, Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, Sun and moon, and stars of light.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise, This our hymn of grateful praise.

Benediction & Sending Forth