



**Worship Resources for October 17, 2021  
The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost  
Celebrating 290 years of Muddy Creek Reformed Church (1731)  
and 50 years of Peace UCC (1970)**

**Welcome**

**Opening Song      “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**

*O God of all,  
we have gathered this day  
in thanksgiving for 290 years of ministry  
you have granted to Peace United Church of Christ  
and its predecessors.  
There have been many moments of grace,  
moments of bold action and quiet discernment.  
Thank you, God, for your guiding love.  
At the same time,  
we know that there have been moments of pain,  
moments of reckless words and quiet appeasement.  
Forgive us, God, for our wounding of others.  
We are here to listen and share,  
to look back and live into your future.  
In the name of our Redeemer, Jesus the Christ, we pray.  
Amen*

## **Scripture Readings**

Mark 10: 35-45

## **Meditation**

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

## **Closing Song      “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”**

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;  
Father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man.  
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife,  
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

## **Benediction**

## **Threefold Amen**