

UNIONVILLE EPC WORSHIP SERVICE

January 2nd, 2022

11:00 AM

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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

Leader: The Magi watched,
awaiting a wondrous happening.

People: We awaited the birth of Jesus;
now a new world has been born.

Leader: The star announces a new born King;
the forces of darkness have been defeated.

People: **Death's reign has ended!**

Leader: Let us rejoice and celebrate:
the light of God's love rules our lives!

People: Jesus, light of the world, we welcome You
and joyfully sing Your praises.

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Hymn: #288 *We Three Kings*

Apostle's Creed

Gloria Patri

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Gracious Heavenly Father, You sent Jesus to us as the light of the world, to reveal Your love for all people. We confess that our sin and foolish pride hide the brightness of Your light; we turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not abide in Thy peace. In Your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the gifts of Your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth Your glory reflecting the grace of Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Doxology

SCRIPTURE READING:

Matthew 2: 1 - 12 page 1497

Sermon: *Led by God's Amazing Light*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn: #290 *As with Gladness Men of Old*

Benediction