

UNIONVILLE EPC WORSHIP SERVICE
January 3rd, 2021 – 9:30 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Pastoral Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

Apostle's Creed (see back of bulletin)

Gloria Patri

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Heavenly Father, by Your grace, You've shown us the way to life in Your Son Jesus Christ. We confess that, despite the clear direction You've given us, we fail to follow the signs You provide. In our folly, we become confused and distracted and lose our way. Immersed in ourselves, we have not risen to new life. Forgive our waywardness, O Lord. Set our sights on the goal of our salvation, that we might pursue our upward calling with diligence and joy. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Doxology

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon – *Seeking, Finding, and Rejoicing*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn – As With Gladness Men of Old

Benediction

As With Gladness Men of Old

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold
As with joy they hailed its light leading onward beaming
bright; So most gracious Lord may we evermore be led to
Thee.

As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly manger bed;
There to bend the knee before Him whom heaven and
earth adore; So may we with willing feet ever seek the
mercy seat.

As they offered gifts more rare at that manger rude and
bare, so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's
alloy, All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee our
heavenly King.

Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way; And,
when early things are past bring our ransomed souls at
last where they need no star to guide, where no clouds
Thy glory hide.



For the sake of the safety of everyone who is with us today;

- **We ask everyone to practice social distancing**
- **We request that you wear PPE masks when in close proximity**
- In lieu of passing collection plates, we ask you to place tithes and offerings in the designated baskets
- After the benediction, Pastor Matt will don his face mask in order to greet members and visitors