

**UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH**  
**PRAYER SERVICE**  
**January 2, 2022**  
**Second Sunday of Christmas**

This service is not available on Zoom

**SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

Isaiah 60:1-3

**UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Light of God, illumine the path that leads us to healing, hope and salvation.

Glory of God, expose the darkness that stalks our souls.

Light of God, shine with such brightness that we marvel in awe.

Glory of God, our lives with the Holy Spirit today.

Light of God, Glory of God, we welcome you to this hour.

**\* HYMN #240**

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing” (*vs 1, 3*)

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 2:1-12

**MESSAGE**

*by Brian Zahnd*

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

All-glorious God, we profess faith in Jesus Christ, and compassion towards your people, yet we too often are fearful of the cost of truly generous love. We are not as full of mercy, wisdom, and courage as you would hope us to be. Our love is not as inclusive as yours, and there is much we need to learn. Give us clearer vision of all that we are meant to be, so that through our commitment to your way, we may increase the glory that is properly revealed in Jesus Christ, your beloved. Amen

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**RESPONSIVE READING**

Leader: For so long God has hoped for a righteous leader,

**People: And we have seen visions and dreamed dreams.**

Leader: We have waited for one who would share God's spirit—

**People: Who would judge the fearful with righteousness and the poor with justice;**

Leader: Who would show compassion to the weak and mercy to the condemned;

**People: Who would break down the walls dividing the peoples, that all on earth might follow a star.**

Leader: For so long have we seen the visions; for so long have the dreams been dreamed.

**People: But now the vision has found its life, and the dream has come to pass—**

**All: Here is the One for whom we have waited! Let us open our treasures and offer our gifts: our hearts, our souls, our minds!**

**TIME OF OFFERING OURSELVES IN COMMITMENT**  
**OFFERTORY**  
**\* DOXOLOGY AND BLESSING**

**TIME OF PRAYER**

Leader: Show us your mercy, O Lord;

**People: And grant us your salvation.**

Leader: Clothe us with righteousness;

**People: Let your people sing with joy.**

Leader: Give peace in all the world, O Lord;

**People: For only in you can we live in safety.**

Leader: Lord, keep this nation under your care;

**People: And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Leader: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

**People: Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Leader: Create in us clean hearts, O God;

**People: And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

**A TIME FOR PEOPLE TO PRAY TOGETHER**

**\* HYMN #254**

“We Three Kings” (*vs 1, 5*)

**\* BENEDECTION**

*by Cara Heafey*

Leader: Let us go from this place proclaiming that we have seen the glory of God, believing that there is a light that shines in the darkness

**People: Which the darkness shall not overcome**

Leader: And may the love of the Creator, the joy of the Spirit, and the peace of the Christ-child be with you this Christmas,

**People: and evermore.**

**All: Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

\*Please stand as you are able

*There will be no coffee hour following worship this week or next.*

**Serving Today**

Lay Leader.....Larry Casey

Flowers.....

Coffee.....None

Piano.....Peter O'Connor

**Looking Ahead**

**Sunday, January 9, 2022 – Communion**

Lay Leader.....Mary-Lou Cartledge  
Communion.....Mary-Lou Cartledge  
Coffee.....None  
Piano .....Peter O’Connor  
Zoom Co-host.....

**JANUARY LEADERS**

Deacon.....Karrie Edwards  
Elder.....Mary-Lou Cartledge  
Fellowship.....TBD  
Trustee..... Jerry Jusianiec  
BOCE .....TBD

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Ding Jiayi & family, Michelle Garcia Escobar, Clayton Stutzman, Hugh Langelier, Lois Stiles, Wes Bentz, 4 yr. old Lowin, Marnie Johnson (Joan Schulze’s niece), Michele Hluchy’s father (Rev. Stephen Hluchy), Tiersa Watson’s mother, Angie Ninos, David Dubois, Ray Chambers, Kelly Snyder, Nolan Tormey, friend of Leah Crosby: Mugoux Varra (brain cancer).

**MISSION OF THE MONTH**

**Choose Your Own Charity**

The UUC Board of Elders is asking everyone to select your favorite charity to support during the month of January. Let the church office know what charity you supported and we will list the names in the February newsletter.

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