

First United Methodist Church of Toms River
Sanctuary Worship ~ January 2, 2022
Epiphany Sunday

PRELUDE *He is Born, The Divine Christ Child* French Carol

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Corinthians 5:17*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

Ministers: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN No. 234 *O Come All Ye Faithful*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mighty and loving Lord, as we begin a new year, you have shown us the world of your dreaming and longing - a world built on justice, overflowing with plenty, and crowned with joy. And through the coming of Emmanuel - his living and loving, his words and actions - you have shown us how such a world might be fashioned. Help us to take hold and grow into these understandings- and, like Jesus - may we always be ready to live generously, love expansively, speak boldly and act courageously. So, that the Kingdom of your dreaming, with its justice, abundance and joy, may become the present reality for all the peoples of this world. We pray all this in the name of the one who came back to get us because he loves us, Jesus, the Christ...

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

*RESPONSIVE READING (*Sine*)

Pastor: May we dream of a world made new,

**Ministers: Where together we shout for justice,
And as one we fight against oppression.**

Pastor: May we dream of a world made new,

**Ministers: Where together we seek God's righteousness
And as one we sing God's praise.**

Pastor: May we dream of a world made new,

**Ministers: Where together we climb God's Mountain,
And as one we enter the promised land.**

Pastor: May we dream of a world made new,

**Ministers: Where together we proclaim the good news of God's kingdom,
And as one we enjoy its peace, and abundance and love.**

*PRAISE RESPONSE

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen

*APOSTLES' CREED No. 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried;**

the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL GREETING
JOYS AND CONCERNS
PASTORAL PRAYER
PRAYER RESPONSE No. 204

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel,
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel (2x)**

OFFERING
OFFERTORY *Let There Be Light* Clark, Wagner
PRESENTATION OF OUR TRUST, TITHES AND OFFERINGS
*DOXOLOGY No. 95
*HYMN No. 230 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*
MESSAGE

The Unexpected in 2022

Luke 15:1-7

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

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*HYMN No. 251 *Go Tell it on the Mountain*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

For Unto Us a Child is Born

Handel, Caudill

*Indicates that those who are able, please stand

