



# BROADWAY

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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11:00 a.m.

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*Welcome! Please see the pew card "Welcome to Worship" for more information on our services.*

### WORDS OF CENTERING

"We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. Again and again we must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force." ~ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

INTROIT: "Grasslands Chant" (from *Lion King*)

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Harambee! We have been called together in the presence of the Lord. We are called to Umoja!

**God calls us to dwell together in UNITY and to be on one accord. We are one in the Spirit. That's good news!**

We are called to Kujichagulia.

**We bow in the presence of our Almighty God. His will to be done in our lives. That's good news!**

We are called to Ujima.

**Christ calls us to love and to care for each other and ourselves. He watches over us all. That's good news!**

We are called to Ujamaa.

**God blesses us to give, to develop, build up, and provide stability to our communities, to give, and we are given back with bonus and blessing. That's good news!**

We are called to Nia.

**We live for and to lead others to Christ Jesus; for he is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. That's good news!**

We are called to Kuumba.

**We are called through God to dream dreams, as we are older, and to see visions as we are young. That's good news!**

We are called to Imani.

**We affirm that through our expressions, the world may believe in the promises of his Word. That's good news!** [continued...]

\* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

**Bold type** indicates congregational response.

We are called together today in the presence of our God.

**There is good news today! We come together in God's presence in worship and service, so that all will know God through the Word, and through our God-directed unity, determination, collective responsibility, economic resourcefulness, purpose, creativity, and faith. That's still the good news of Kwanzaa!**

#### WELCOME STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY AND CONNECTION

*(Please check in on Facebook and/or on Twitter @ChicagoBUMC, wifi password is 7733482679, and pass the friendship pads to register your attendance and any updated contact information.)*

Welcome to worship, God's beloved! **YES, I Am Welcome! Bienvenidas y bienvenidos!**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL ANTHEM: "African Alleluia" (by Benjamin Harlan)

#### WHY KWANZAA

#### KWANZAA PRINCIPLES AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*[A Christian Affirmation of the Nguzo Saba. Inspired by The African American Lectionary, a collaborative project of American Bible Pulpit & American Baptist College of Nashville, 2012.]*

Spirit of God, enable us to acknowledge and accept the deity of the Triune God who is the Creator, Provider, Sustainer, and Savior of humanity. We ask You to bless our worship experience as we embrace the Seven Principles of Kwanzaa: Bless this assembly and all African and other symbols used in this service.

**All Wise God, grant us wisdom and understanding as in the days of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to honor the call to be Your chosen people. Having been brought to an unfamiliar land, and marked by this history, allow us to acknowledge You as the God who never left us.**

I light the Kwanzaa candle for the 1st Principle: UMOJA (Unity). O God, we invoke Your holy presence as we identify, recall, and relay the first principle: UMOJA, the principle of unity. "Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." (Psalm 133) Help us to be a unified people while interacting with various communities: family, neighbors, friends, believers, nations, and races, as unity is a blessing from God.

**May we employ the element of unity as we continue to acknowledge the Triune God. May we strive to maintain the true spirit of unity as we walk as your people around the world.**

I light the Kwanzaa candle for the 2nd Principle: KUJICHAGULIA (Self-Determination). O God, as we call and relay the second principle: KUJICHAGULIA, the principle of self-determination, teach us how to be self-determining believers as You created us. Help us to know Your will for our lives so that we may help others. "We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let every one of us please lift his neighbor for his good to edification." (Romans 15:1-2)

**We will learn to live self-determined lives knowing that our actions must help others and ourselves.**

I light the Kwanzaa candle for the 3rd Principle: UJIMA (Collective Work and Responsibility). As we call and relay the third principle: UJIMA, the principle of collective work and responsibility, grant us

the wisdom to develop and maintain collective interests. Teach us how to think collectively and build collectively the family unit and our neighborhoods and to truly be our brother's and sister's keeper as You are the Keeper of our souls.

**We will strive to embody a spirit of collective work and responsibility, building and maintaining our communities as did our ancestors.**

I light the Kwanzaa candle for the 4th Principle: UJAMAA (Collective Economics). As we call and relay the fourth principle: UJAMAA, the principle of cooperative economics, grant us the wisdom to have the tenacity to build and maintain businesses within our communities. Teach us how to think and build cost-effective businesses that will be profitable for both the owner and consumer. Teach us to be mainly savers not consumers.

**God has provided for us. We will be good and faithful stewards over all that you have provided. Together we will build and profit.**

I light the Kwanzaa candle for the 5th Principle: NIA (Purpose). As Christians, we call and relay the fifth principle: NIA, which means purpose. We exist for the purposes of worship, ministry, evangelism, fellowship, and discipleship. Ecclesiastes 12:13b says, Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of all persons.

**We will keep God's commandments! This is our purpose. We will love God and our neighbor as ourselves; this is our purpose. We will live as a beacon to the world; we will live as those who give light to the world; and as salt that gives flavor to the world. This is our purpose.**

I light the Kwanzaa candle for the 6th Principle: KUUMBA (Creativity). The creativity of Yahweh is unsurpassed! We call and relay the sixth principle: KUUMBA: creativity. Help us to continue to share our creativity with the world through music, painting, food, dance, worship, and all endeavors in which we engage. We honor the creativity of our people.

**We acknowledge the creative genius of God that is provided for all creation to enjoy. Allow us to keep our minds and hearts open so that God can create what the world needs through us.**

I light the Kwanzaa candle for the 7th Principle: IMANI (Faith). "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1) As we call and relay the seventh principle: IMANI, the principle of faith, help us to be greater people of faith "for without faith it is impossible to please you."

**We have come this far by faith. We affirm the values and customs of our ancestors and give thanks for their sojourn as we seek to emulate the best of what they have bequeath to us. We have faith in God, faith in one another, faith in our race, faith in ourselves, and faith in humanity. Lest we forget...!**

CONGREGATIONAL SONG: "I Give Myself Away" (William McDowell)

SCRIPTURE READING: Colossians 3:12-17

Because you are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with heartfelt compassion, with kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive whatever grievances you have against one another—forgive in the same way God has forgiven you. Above all else, put on love, which binds the rest together and makes them perfect. Let Christ's peace reign in your hearts since, as members of one body, you have been called to that peace. Dedicate yourselves to thankfulness. Let the Word of Christ, rich as it is, dwell in you. Instruct and admonish one another

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wisely. Sing gratefully to God from your hearts in psalms, hymns and songs of the Spirit. And whatever you do, whether in speech or in action, do it in the name of Jesus our Savior, giving thanks to God through Christ.

May God bless the speaking and hearing of the Word. **Amen.**

THE INVITATION TO OFFERING

*[Broadway is committed to the financial support of its identity, vision, and ministry by tithing. Consider making an offering this morning of 10 percent of your income from this past week.]*

In a spirit of gratitude for all that enriches our lives, may we turn towards one another and all our neighbors. Let us offer to each other what we have, recognizing one another's needs and joys and sorrows as our own. Together, in practices of community, our lives are made one. Let us offer our gifts to God.

OFFERING HYMN: "Over My Head" ..... FS 2148

\*DOXOLOGY ..... [tune # 95]

*[You are invited to sing in one of these languages or in the language of your heart.]*

[Español:] **A Dios el Padre Celestial Al hijo nuestro Redentor  
Y al eterno Consolador Unidos todos alabado. Amen.**

[English:] **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Gracious God, we give you thanks. For you have given us each other! Receive our offerings  
and bless them to the work of compassion, patience, tenderness, and accountability to what  
is good and right—among us and in all the world. Amen.**

LIBATION STATEMENT

\*BENEDICTION (based on Luke 4:13-19 by Michelle Riley Jones)

HARAMBEE! In our closing moments of worship, we reflect on the Word of God,

**And on the principles of Kwanzaa.**

Today, God has anointed us. **The Spirit of God is upon us.**

Know that with God nothing is impossible.

**Let us go from this place on one accord—AND DO GOOD.**

\*CLOSING HYMN: "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" ..... # 404

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A OUR CELEBRATION OF KWANZAA as we dine together.**

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