



BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11:00 a.m.

December 30, 2018

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

WORDS OF CENTERING

"So Powerful is the light of unity that it can illuminate the whole earth." ~ Baha'u'llah

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



*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather on this Christmas Sunday to celebrate new birth.

In the birth of Christ there is new hope, peace, love and joy for the world.

We gather this Kwanzaa Sunday to celebrate new birth.

The principles of Kwanzaa help us to live authentically, embracing all of who we've been, all of who we are, and all we hope to become.

We gather this day to praise a God of love, one who invites us, with all our diversity, into community.

We are God's people. We bring diversity. We seek unity.

In unity, let us worship God, for together we can find true harmony.

We reach out to each other, recognizing the sacred worth of all people and celebrating the gift of our unique identities.

We rejoice that in Christ we are one. Harambe!

Harambe! Harambe!

*SONG OF WELCOME: "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" # 404

WELCOME STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY AND CONNECTION

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

Bold type indicates congregational response.

KWANZAA PRINCIPLES AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

The principles of Kwanzaa help us to learn and grow. As we celebrate the festival, we light seven candles and recall the seven principles.

1st Candle: UMOJA. We light the candle of Umoja to symbolize the unity of all people, living together as family and community.

May God be with us in unity and Peace.

2nd Candle: KUJICHAGULIA. We light the candle of Kujichagulia to symbolize our right to determine our community's destiny and future, deciding on a course of action and making goals.

May God be with us in the struggle for self-determination.

3rd Candle: UJIMA. We light the candle of Ujima to show the need of our community to work together collectively and to be responsible for one another.

May God be with us in the struggle of collective work and communal responsibility.

4th Candle: UJAMAA. We light the candle of Ujamaa to show the need for our community to improve its economic situation by cooperating with each other, symbolizing cooperative economics, daily savings and owning and operating businesses.

May God be with us as we develop a community based on cooperative economic development.

5th Candle: NIA. We light the candle of NIA to show our community's resolve, a commitment to purpose—to make our people stronger.

May God be with us as we go forward with one purpose, to continue the struggle to be truly free.

6th Candle: KUUMBA. We light the candle of Kuumba to symbolize the creative spirit of all our people, making and doing something in a unique way. **May God be the light of our lives.**

7th Candle: IMANI. We light the candle of Imani to show our faith in God and our faith in ourselves, believing in the divine, in one's self and in others.

May God be with us and strengthen us so we may continue the struggle of liberation.

This is a time of sharing and rejoicing. Today, here at Broadway, in reverence and care, we celebrate all seven principles of Kwanzaa. Let us rejoice in the richness of our collective cultures and traditions before our Creator! Harambe is a Kenyan tradition of community self-help. It reflects the community pulling together. **Let us all pull together! Harambe!**

CONGREGATIONAL SONG: "Over My Head"..... FS 2148

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 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.**

REFLECTION: "The Creation" (by James Weldon Johnson)

[Dee Dorsey]

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 OF MUSIC

*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 alabad. 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

*HYMN OF SENDING: "Lift Every Voice and Sing" # 519

*BENEDICTION

Let us continue to strive for justice and unity.

The birth of Christ calls us to the struggle, to practice the principles of Kwanzaa.

May the love of God, the strength of the Holy Spirit and the peace of Christ be with us now and forever more. Let's pull together. Harambe! **Harambe!**

POSTLUDE





BROADWAY'S MISSION STATEMENT: "God calls Broadway United Methodist Church to be a faith community embracing the diversity of our Chicago neighborhood and larger community. We welcome all persons – celebrating the human family's God-given diversity of race, age, gender, sexual orientation, and physical or mental capacity. We also welcome persons of all social and economic classes and faith backgrounds. At Broadway, we are accepted into God's nurturing family, which invites us into spiritual growth through worship, study, mission, and social action. We are grateful for the opportunities God gives us to experience and share the love of Christ."



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