

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**Sunday January 8, 2023, 10:15 am**  
**“The Candles of Kwanzaa: Inspiration And Challenge For Us All”**



Rev. Karen Bush, Interim Lead Minister  
Joe Omo-osagie, Worship Associate  
Janet Revell Barrett, Vocalist/ Pianist  
Jim Hannum, Vocals/Guitar  
Sandy Hannum, Percussion  
Todd Kinney, Bass  
Peggy Patton, Flute  
Juan Camacho, Piano  
Selena Gonzalez, AV Technician

**Ringing the Bell**

**Prelude** - “*May It Be*” by Enya performed by Juan and Benjamin

**Welcome**

**Chalice Lighting by Dag Hammarskjold**

“Each morning  
we must hold out the chalice of our being  
to receive,  
to carry,  
and to give back.”

**Opening Hymn #362** “Rise Up, O Flame”

We Celebrate KWANZAA! By Anjoli and Donte Hill (children’s book with slides)

**Blessing Song** “*May the Longtime Sun*” by Mike Heron

**Shared Joys & Sorrows** (send your joys and sorrows to [joysandsorrows@uucuc.org](mailto:joysandsorrows@uucuc.org))

**Musical Meditation** “*Sunshine On My Shoulder*” by John Denver

**Community Matters & Offering**

**Music for Meditation** “*Be The Light*” by Lea Morris

**Lessons of The Candles of Kwanzaa**

adapted from words written by Unitarian Universalist Gail Forsyth-Vail

**Closing Hymn #149** “Lift Every Voice and Sing” in *Singing the Living Tradition*

### **Closing Words**

"Go ahead, claim the dream of justice, the vision, the green, but do not try to claim it, without also claiming the red. Go in peace."

### **Chalice Extinguishing** A Franciscan Benediction, revised

One:            In your life's journey...  
                  May you be blessed with discomfort...  
                  At easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships,  
                  So that you may live deep within your heart.

### **Many: May It Be So...**

One:            May you be blessed with anger ...  
                  At injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,  
                  So that you may work for justice, freedom, and peace.

### **Many: May It Be So...**

One:            May you be blessed with tears ...  
                  To shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and war,  
                  So that you may reach out your hand to comfort them  
                  And turn their pain to joy.

### **Many: May It Be So...**

One:            And May we be blessed with enough foolishness ...  
                  To believe that we can make a difference in this world,  
                  So that we can do what others claim cannot be done.

**All:            May it be so.**

**Postlude**    *"Lift Every Voice and Sing"*