



Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater

Date: *December 27, 2020*

Sermon: *"Kwanzaa: First Fruits"*

Rev. Kimberly Quinn Johnson

Our Vision: An inclusive religious community, a beacon for reason, meaning and bold social action.

Our Mission: To celebrate dignity and respect for all, nurture lifelong spiritual growth, act for justice and equality, and serve the wider community.

Welcome:

Sue Boone

Prelude:

"Peace Trail" by Neil Young

Call to Worship:

by Christian Schmidt

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:

Hymn #1 "May Nothing Evil Cross This Door"

Joys and Sorrows:

Hymn #1031 "Filled With Loving Kindness"

"A Prayer for Kwanzaa"

by Addae Ama Kraba

Time for All Ages:

"Stillness in Movement"

Offertory Message:

For online giving: <https://uuc.breezechms.com/give/online>

For text giving: (727) 500-2410

Interlude:

"Be More Kind" by Frank Turner

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Closing Hymn:

Hymn #12 "O Life That Maketh All Things New"



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Extinguishing the Chalice:

"Go in peace, go making peace, live gently, love mightily and bow to the mystery"

We are a spiritually diverse congregation. Whoever you are, whomever you love, whatever your life situation, wherever you are on your spiritual path, thank you for choosing to worship with us.

Our Grateful Thanks:

Worship Associate: Sue Boone; **Service Technical Support:** Jeremy Dillow; **UUC Music:** Dr. David Katz, UUC Music Director; Linda Jones, UUC Staff Accompanist; Van Fenstermaker, Guitar/Vocals; Diego Iglesias, Tenor Section Leader and Soloist; **Staff:** Rev. Dave, PPCM; Rev. Roberta, Transitional Minister; Anne Gilbert, Office Administrator; Meredith Olson, Transitional Director of Religious Enrichment; Gary Strauss, Security Guard; Susan Strauss, Custodian **Pastoral Associates:** Kathy Krohn (December 21 – December 27); Susan Hegner (December 28 – January 3).

Special Thanks to L. Wood for the beautiful and inspiring UUC original artwork





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Opening Hymn #1 "May Nothing Evil Cross this Door"

May nothing evil cross this door,
and may ill fortune never pry about
these windows; may the roar
and rain go by.

By faith made strong, the rafters will
withstand the battering of the storm.
This hearth, though all the world grow chill,
will keep you warm.

Peace shall walk softly through these rooms,
touching our lips with holy wine,
till every casual corner blooms
into a shrine.

With laughter drown the raucous shout,
and, though these sheltering walls are thin,
may they be strong to keep hate out
and hold love in.

Joys and Sorrows

Hymn #1031 Filled With Loving Kindness"

May I be filled with loving kindness. May I be well.
May I be filled with loving kindness. May I be well.
May I be peaceful and at ease.
May I be whole.

May you be filled ...

May we be filled ...



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Closing Hymn

Hymn #12 "O Life That Maketh All Things New"

O Life that maketh all things new,
the blooming earth, our thoughts within,
our pilgrim feet, wet with thy dew,
in gladness hither turn again.

From hand to hand the greeting flows,
from eye to eye the signals run,
from heart to heart the bright hope glows,
the seekers of the light are one:

One in the freedom of the truth,
one in the joy of paths untrod,
one in the soul's perennial youth,
one in the larger thought of God;

The freer step, the fuller breath,
the wide horizon's grander view,
the sense of life that knows no death,
the Life that maketh all things new.