

## UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION PRINCIPLES AND PURPOSES

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Many Unitarian Universalist congregations, including ours, have added an 8<sup>th</sup> Principle:

- Journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.

### How to Make a Donation to Paint Branch

<https://pbuuc.breezechms.com/give/online>; or

Text the whole dollar amount to 301-321-7215; or

Place cash or a check in the offering basket, or mail a check to the church at: P.O. Box 676, Laurel, MD 20725-0676.

### Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

301-937-3666  
www.pbuuc.org

Meeting Sundays at 3pm at:  
University Christian Church  
6800 Adelphi Road  
Hyattsville, MD 20782



## Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

### Order of Service



## “Guiding Lights: The Principles of Kwanzaa”

Margaret Morrison and Lula Beatty, Speakers  
with Carol Carter Walker, Worship Associate

December 31, 2023

3:00 pm

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REV. ANN KADLECEK, *MINISTER*  
JEANNETTE JACKSON, *CHURCH OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR*  
SHARON WERTH, *CHALICE DANCERS DIRECTOR*

**Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church**  
**Worship Service**

Sunday, December 31, 2023 3 pm

**Gathering Music** Francesco Berrett, Pianist

**Processional** Mary Rooker and Ken Shilling, Percussionists

**Welcome** Carol Carter Walker, Worship Associate

**Congregational Greeting**

**Unison Chalice Lighting** Jim Flaherty, Lighter & Extinguisher  
In igniting this chalice,  
we cast upon it our hopes and intentions  
for all that is positive  
in our minds, and in our hearts.  
May this precious light shine on.  
*Igniting This Precious Light* by Vanessa Titang

**Candle for All Peoples**

**Call to Worship:** The Kwanzaa Story Carol Carter Walker

**Lighting of Kinara (Imani)**

\***Hymn #118** This Little Light of Mine

**Joys and Sorrows** Margaret McLellan, Pastoral Care Associate

**Communal Ritual**  
**Silence**

**Reflection:** Umoja, Nia, and Kuumba Margaret Morrison

**Dance** “We Are” Vocalists: Sweet Honey in the Rock  
Carol Maillard, Composer  
Ysaye Barnwell, Lyricist (Used with permission)  
Chalice Dancers  
Sharon Werth, Choreographer

**Reflection:** Kujichagulia, Ujima, and Ujamaa Lula Beatty

**Offering**

**Closing Words** Carol Carter Walker

**Response** *Fuente de Amor/Spirit of Life*

**Extinguishing Chalice**

Like the flames of all of these candles,  
may the flame in our hearts burn,  
remaining unextinguished.  
May it ignite our energies, our drive, our resolve,  
to dream, to build, and live into the world  
that good which exists, for now, only in our imaginings.  
*Flame in Our Hearts (Adapted) by Vanessa Titang*

**Announcements**

**Recessional** Mary Rooker and Ken Shilling, Percussionists

*\* Please rise in body and/or spirit*

**Chalice Dancers**

Mabel Benson-Flannery, Thira Benson-  
Flannery, Abby Crowley, Marcia Freeman,  
Peggy Hoffman, Karen Lee Scrivo,  
Ken Shilling and Sharon Werth

**Thank you to today's volunteers!**

**Tech:** Carol Boston, Liz Citrin, Keith Miller  
**Ushers:** Margaret McLellan, Mary Rooker  
**Lead Usher:** Chris Evans

This service is recorded using a camera in the rear of the sanctuary. If you wish to avoid being on camera, please sit in the back couple of rows.