

The Second Night of Kwanzaa December 27, 2018

Pastor: We begin in the Name of the One, Eternal Love, Creator of all, and of The Only Begotten Son Christ Jesus, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: AMEN

Leader 1: Bless us, O God, as we come together to give you thanks and praise. Tonight we are pleased and grateful to continue our celebration of Kwanzaa. This is the second night of our celebration and our theme tonight is Kujichagulia (koo-jee-chah-GOO-lee-ah) which is Swahili for Self Determination. We dedicate these short worship services to you as we explore and embrace the seven principles of Kwanzaa.

Veronica Floyd: (words of introduction for the second principle.)

Leader 1: Each night we will look into Scriptures for some guidance on how to apply the principle to our lives. Our reading tonight is Romans 15:1-2

15:1 We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. ²Each of us should please our neighbors for their good, to build them up.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: Philippians 4:13 Paul writes: I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. John 14:12-14 Jesus said: I tell you the truth. Whoever believes in me will do the same works that I have been doing and will do even greater works than these because I am going to God. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, I will do so that God may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my Name, and I will do it.

Discussion follows.

Veronica Floyd: Closing prayer : O, Loving and Life-giving Good and Gracious God, as we call and relay the second principle of Kwanzaa: 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)

ALL: KUJICHAGULIA! We will learn to live self-determined lives knowing that our actions must help others and ourselves. Kujichagulia!

Pastor: May Almighty God Bless us.....

=====Further Reading and Information=====

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Second Night	Kujichagulia)(koo-jee-chah-GOO-lee-ah)	Self Determination
Third Night	Ujima (oo-JEE-mah)	Collective Work and Responsibility
Fourth Night	Ujamaa (oo-jah-Mah-ah)	Cooperative Economics
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