

Unitarian Universalist
Flower Communion



Winchester Unitarian Society

Order of Service

June 14, 2020

Centering Thought

“Flowers that are offered for the dead, do not know the difference of where their beauty will be placed, they do not say, ‘This is not a palace’ or ‘This is not a garden’; they just are...Flowers are just beautiful, whether they grow by the wayside or in a manicured garden. If we were all like flowers, then we would all be beautiful, with no regards to why or how. We just are. We are just beautiful.” – C. Joybell C.

<https://tinyurl.com/WUSworship>

Be sure to set your screen to “speaker view” in Zoom (upper right-hand corner of the screen) for best reception of those leading the service.

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Attached to this order-of-service is a packet for young children so they may engage in an activity concurrent with the rest of the service.

You may also find these materials here: [\[link\]](#)

Our motto: “Connection, not perfection”

Note: Some elements of this service were pre-recorded to ensure broadcast quality.

Gathering Music

John Kramer

Community News (In 140 Characters or Less)

Stephen Perepeluk

Announcements:

- **Power of Myth discussion group meets for our final session this Sunday at 12:30.** Please contact Matthew Bronski for login information to the virtual room. He can be reached via mbronski@gmail.com
- **It's Not Too Late to Support "Take Me Home":** Did you miss last Sunday's fun-draiser led by WUSYG, benefiting UU MassAction's COVID-19 Emergency Fund and our own Winchester Unitarian Society? You can purchase merchandise - handmade soap, simple no-sew face masks, WUSYG cookbooks and houseplants - by visiting www.tinyurl.com/wussoap Delivery of these items is free! All soap profits and 100% of the proceeds from the other items benefit the fundraiser. Or, you could just donate here: [\[https://paypal.me/winchesteruu?locale.x=en_US\]](https://paypal.me/winchesteruu?locale.x=en_US) Thank you for your generosity!
- **RESCHEDULED, June 16th Heart, Mind, Action Community Conversation.** [\[Link\]](#) To prevent losing participants as we did on Thursday, please pre-register at office@nsfj.org. You will receive log in instructions when we have your email. If you are not certain you will attend, register anyhow.
- **Ragtime Concert, Friday, July 3rd @ 7:00 p.m.** Mark your calendars for an all Ragtime concert presented by Music Director John Kramer. This uniquely American music is a perfect way to celebrate the holiday weekend. The concert will be a fundraiser for **Black Lives of UU, Women's Lunch Place, and the Winchester Unitarian Society**. For more information visit the concert event page and be sure to tell all your friends. <https://www.winchesteruu.org/events/celebrating-america-ragtime-concert/>
- **UUA General Assembly – Represent WUS as a Delegate!** A virtual General Assembly will take place June 24-28 this year. The Standing Committee is offering free registration for our five allotted delegates. Fortunately, we have two members that have already expressed interest. If you are currently a member of our congregation and would like to benefit from this transformative

experience there is only one stipulation: Your involvement is needed on our Denominational Affairs Committee. This is a two year commitment and we hardly invite your participation. Please contact Betsy Bowles if you are interested - (617) 584-6477; bebowles13@gmail.com

- **Informational Webinars to learn about this year's virtual General Assembly.** At this year's full virtual General Assembly (GA), we will explore the power, possibility, purpose, struggle, and joy of finding the path forward together as Unitarian Universalists. During this time of rapid change, the collective practice of our faith evolves and adapts to follow that path. Whether you're a first-time delegate or a long-time attendee, please join us at a pre-GA webinar to learn about some of these changes. Members of the Board of Trustees will provide an overview of some of the changes, along with information for delegates regarding the business sessions. Registration is required for these webinars. Follow this [link](#) for more info.
- **Story Time:** We are building a library of stories for all ages online so that families can access them at their convenience. **We also would like to have a diversity of storytellers as well.** Please contact Rebecca@winchesteruu.org for details.
- **Summer Writing group.** After the current writing group concludes in two weeks, we "regroup" a new group for a **six-week session, to begin the week of June 20th.** To express interest, please contact Rebecca@winchesteruu.org
- **Summer Service Assistance Needed** Things are falling into place for our summer worship services. However, the on-line format warrants different kinds of volunteers than usual. We are looking for:
 - **Video Editors:** Each recording benefits from a little lighting adjustment, re-centering or trimming on the ends to cut out the eternal question "Is this on?" As summer services will continue to include a mix of live and recorded elements, we are looking for people to "clean up" videos in advance. There is a free, easy-to-use video editing program that makes this possible.
 - **Video Coordinators:** Prep videos for use in a given service then screen share, press "play" and "stop" at the right time. That's it! Coordinators will need to participate in a rehearsal before worship.
 - **Tech Support:** We have four members who have been assisting people with the Zoom program but can always use more. Many of us are growing in Zoom fluency! If you are fluent enough to help another along the way, nimble enough to eject any "zoombombers" who decide to parachute into the service and attentive enough to track logon "attendance" we would love to add you to the list. If interested, contact Rev. Heather at heather.janules@winchesteruu.org

Whole Community Greeting and Good News Roundup Use the "chat" function to greet others in worship and, if you have especially good news, to share it!. Our Chat Covenant: we only write things we would say in person in the sanctuary.

Ringing of the Bell Ringing of the Bell *Today we are called back to worship by the ringing of the bells at our Partner Church in Marosvásárhely, Transylvania on Easter morning.*

Opening Words

by William Sinkford (Abridged)

The Rev. Heather Janules

Chalice Lighting

If you wish to do so, please read together the words for our chalice lighting – plus the hand signs, as best you can - and light a chalice at home as we light the community chalice.

*We light this chalice to celebrate Unitarian Universalism
This is the church of the open mind
This is the church of the helping hands*

*This is the church of the loving heart
For all these things,
And each and every one of us,
The chalice is lit*

Hymn # 21

For the Beauty of the Earth

1 For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

3 For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

4 For the joy of human care, sister, brother, parent, child,
For the kinship we all share, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

First Reflection

Creation of a Ceremony

Heather Janules

Blessing

May the light within you shine before you, everyday, everyday.
May the light within you shine before you guide your way, guide your way.
May the love we share surround you and chase your fears away.
May the light within you shine before you, this we pray, this we pray.

Consecration of the Flowers by Norbert Čapek (Adapted)

Heather Janules

Kindling of the Light

Sunflower Slow Drag

Scott Joplin

You are invited to now light a candle of joy, sorrow or concern.

Silence

Hymn # 8

Mother Spirit, Father Spirit

1 Mother Spirit, Father Spirit, where are you?
In the sky song, in the forest, sounds your cry.
What to give you, what to call you, what am I?

2 Many drops are in the ocean, deep and wide.
Sunlight bounces off the ripples to the sky.
What to give you, what to call you, who am I?

3 I am empty, time flies from me; what is time?
Dreams eternal, fears infernal haunt my heart.
What to give you, what to call you, O, my God?

4 Mother Spirit, Father Spirit, take our hearts.
Take our breath and let our voices sing our parts.
Take our hands and let us work to shape our art.

Second Reflection

The Gospel of Flowers

Heather Janules

Offering

This morning, we share our gifts with the **Unitarian Universalist Ministry for the Earth**, whose mission is “To inspire, facilitate, and support personal, congregational, and denominational practices that honor and sustain the Earth and all beings.”

You may donate through Give+ [[link to app tutorial](#)] PayPal [[link](#)] or by mailing a check to WUS, 478 Main Street, Winchester, MA 01890. Please write or type “June 14th Offering” in the memo line or comment field.

Our practice is to invite first-time worship attendees to be our guests. In lieu of a contribution, please complete the Virtual Visitor Card: <https://tinyurl.com/WUSVirVisCard> so we can stay connected beyond this Sunday.

Offertory

Flower Duet

Léo Delibes

Cheryl Medeiros-Nancarrow and Kirsten Hart

Affirmation of Shared Ministry *Those who wish to do so are invited to join in reading together the community affirmation:*

We gather not for ourselves alone, but to use our common power to build the Beloved Community within and beyond these walls.

We create and reaffirm this covenant this day - to make justice flourish, to practice compassion amidst difference and to embody transformative love.

Third Reflection and Ritual

Don't Look Away

Rebecca Kelley-Morgan

Ritual Instructions:

If you have turned your camera off, please turn it on. You are the most beautiful flower of them all!

Set your screen from “speaker view” to “gallery view” so you can see many more faces and flowers.

Bring your flowers closer to your camera so that others may see and enjoy them.

And now to make our exchange complete, bring your flowers all the way in front of your camera and know that what it represents - love, community and diversity - have been given and received.

Hymn

Seed of Hope

John Kramer

There's a seed of *Hope in my soul,
A little seed of *Hope in my soul.
Gonna tend it every day so that it grows strong, Oh this I pray,
Then that seed of *Hope soon will bloom in my soul.

*Love, Justice, Freedom.

Benediction by Amy Zucker Morgenstern (Adapted)

Postlude *Gladiolus Rag* Scott Joplin

Extinguishing the Chalice *Please join us in reading together the words for extinguishing our chalice:*

We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth, the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment. These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.

Join the Chat!

Questions for Reflection

What lessons can Čapek's life and ministry teach us today?

How is your life enriched by flowers?

What "seeds of hope" are you planting in this time? What do you want to blossom from this intention?

Music Notes:

We celebrate Flower Communion today with a couple of flower themed Rags by Scott Joplin. We are also delighted to have Cheryl and Kirsten singing the famous Flower Duet from the opera Lakmé by French composer Léo Delibes. This duet occurs in act I of the opera in a scene where the characters Lakmé and Mallika are collecting flowers.

Serving Today

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Pastoral Care Associate: Kim Foley - 339-227-0216
Special thanks to John Kramer for serving as Video Coordinator

*This is a Welcoming Congregation, intentionally welcoming
and affirming of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people.*

*Each worship service includes wisdom or an artistic
gift from people or communities-of-color.*

Good morning families and friends,

A note to adults. The first page is for you, so that you may have context for the service and contents of this packet. Following that there are some suggestions for other things to do/try as a family over the week as well as today, then pages for children AND adults to use during our worship service.

Today's Worship Service: Flower Communion for All Ages

This is our last Sunday of the program year before Summer Services begin. Our annual all ages in worship Flower communion happens virtually this year. There are many different flowers to color, cut and/or fold in this packet. Please invite everyone in your household to color one to share during the service.

Flower communion is a tradition begun almost one hundred years ago in Europe by Unitarian minister Norbert Čapek. You will hear the origin story of our celebration of diversity today. There is a blank bouquet on page three of this packet for persons of all ages to add their own flower to. Please contribute to our virtual flower communion with a picked flower or a drawn flower, or a colored flower or all of these.

Before This Morning's Worship: You will need your chalice, other candles for kindling the light, these pages, things to color/draw with, a fresh flower if you wish.

Encourage your children to remain present for the entire service and have some manipulatives and the materials attached for them to engage with during worship. If your children are very young, sensory play containers* are a great preschool activity. Kids come in and out of worship, but even if they seem inattentive or bounce in and out of the room, they are picking up messages. *Let Rebecca@winchesteruu.org know if you need ideas on how to DIY sensory play

You may wish to use the settling in and chalice lighting rituals we use in Family Worship and Religious Education sessions. They may be helpful as your family gets ready for our Zoom worship services or for any household worship you wish to create in your own sacred space. You can also add your own rituals. Just lighting a candle and taking a moment of quiet can re-center you. It can be a time to give space for things going on in the world, or in your home. In my home we pause before a lit candle to remember the many who have died from the Covid 19 illness and from racist violence. Your older kids can probably lead the familiar rituals from our time at WUS, since many of them have. These are linked below for reference.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/16eq9h9bnOJAssE8U21wDcj4ljPZkyD-iW96UShQgdmw/edit?usp=sharing>

What shall we do with our week ahead? School ends next week for many of you and summer is here. Here are some things you and your family might want to try this week.

Today, June 14th Today is Children's Day. Do you keep a journal or diary? Older kids might want to visit the [Anne Frank house](#) to learn about 13 year old Anne Frank and her diary. Here are some [journal ideas](#) for creating a shared journal for writing back and forth between children and adults

Monday June 15th National Photography Day. Consider taking a self portrait, take a photo of one of your favorite things, a photo of something that inspires you and a photo outside. Share them with friends and family.

Tuesday June 16th Here's an idea for home entertainment. Make a shadow theater and shadow puppets from things you probably have around the house. [shadow theater how to](#) *begin watching at 1.30

Wednesday June 17th School's Out! Can you celebrate with a completely screen free day?

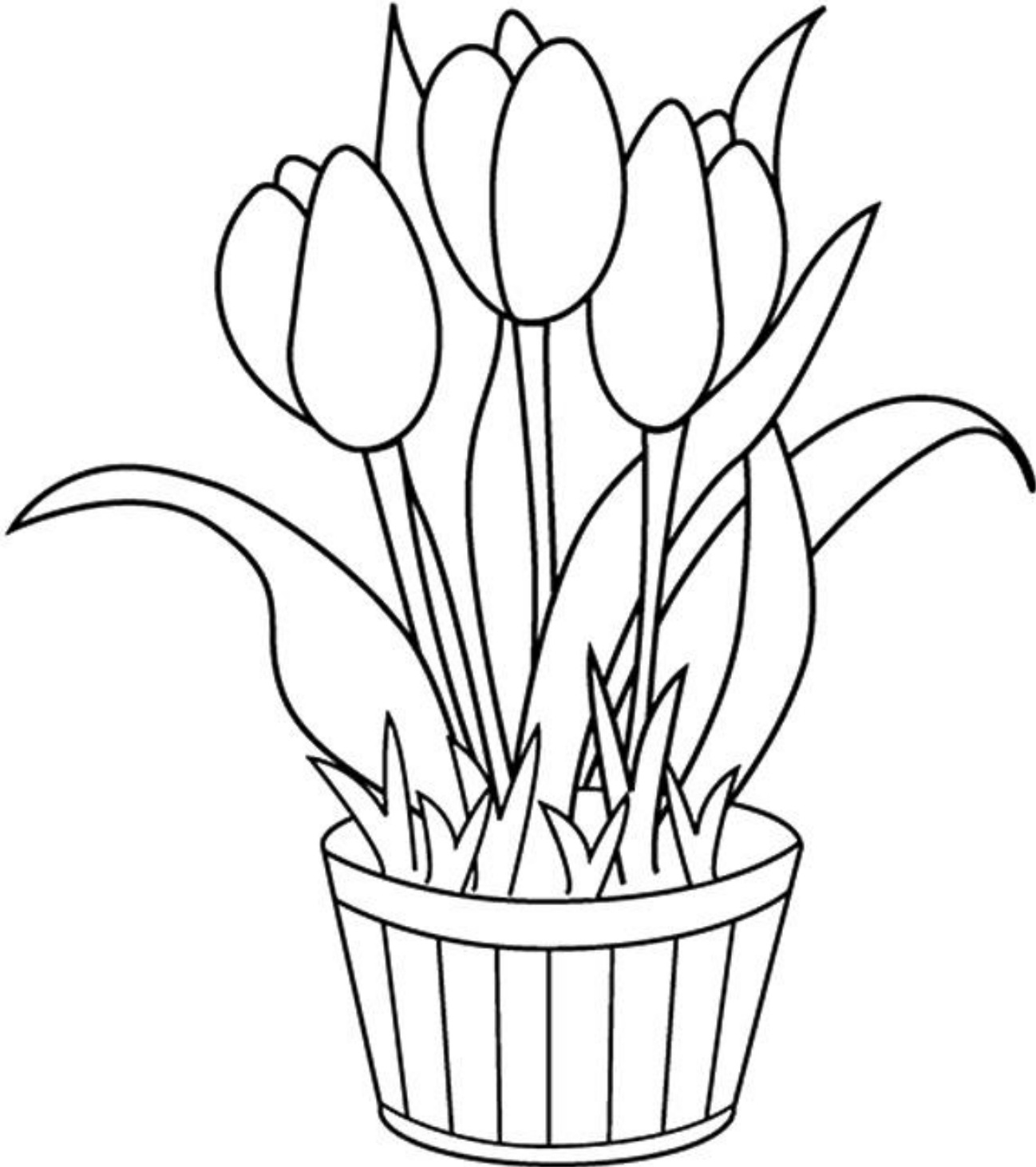
Thursday June 18th Today is International Picnic Day. Plan a picnic, rain or shine. What are YOUR favorite picnic foods? Can you plan a menu and prepare the foods?

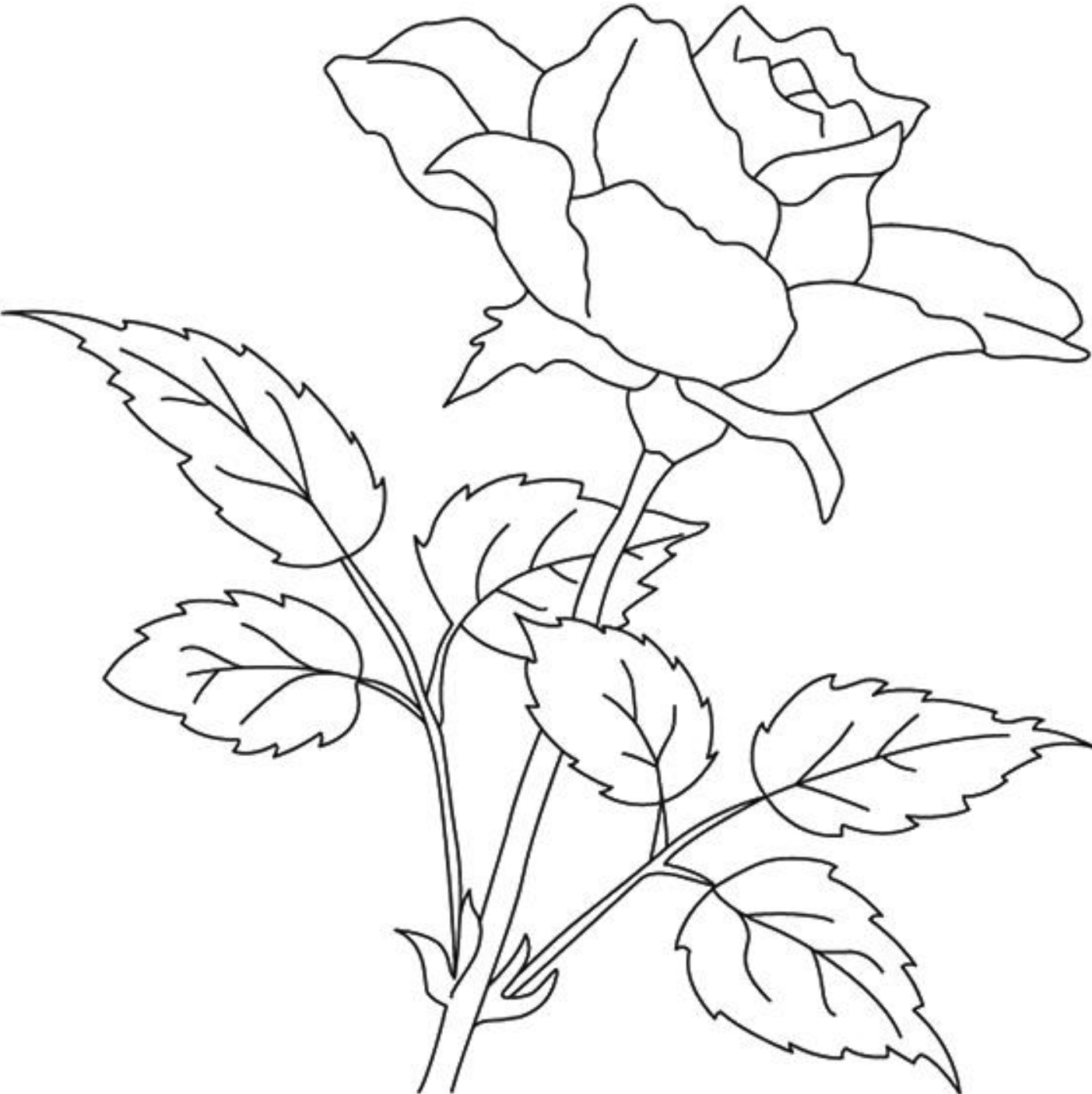
Friday June 19th It is **Juneteenth or Juneteenth Freedom Celebration Day**: On June 19th, 1865, the Emancipation Proclamation was read in Texas, (two+ years after it was written-before internet and cellphones!) to announce the freedom of all enslaved persons in the United States. Learn more about Juneteenth, and perhaps read a book or listen to an online story. You can find a great book collection for all ages here [Celebrating Juneteenth](#)

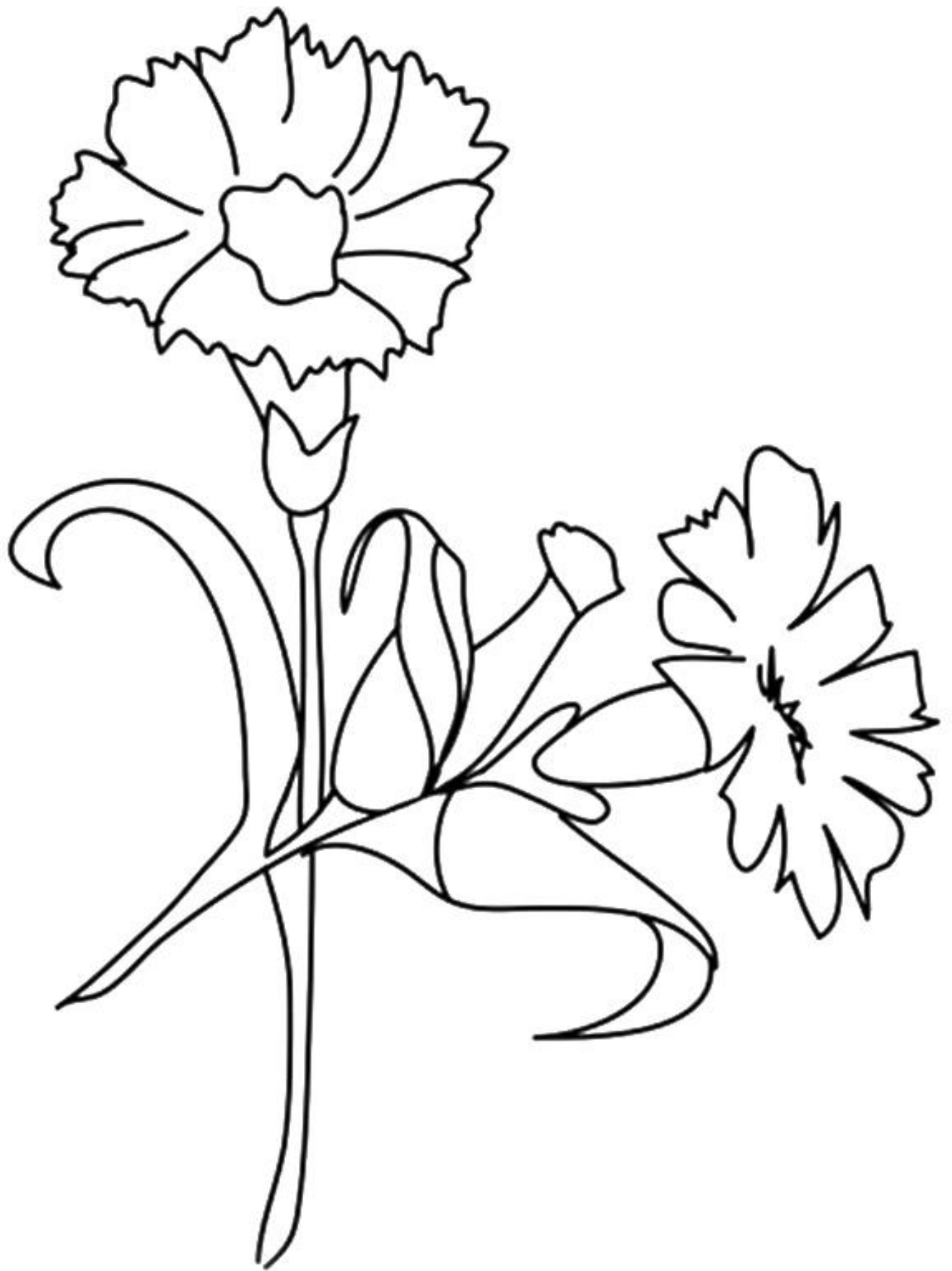
Saturday June 20th Today is Summer Solstice, the longest day of the year. Can you get up early to watch the sunrise? Or stay up later to watch it set? Summer solstice marks the end of increasing daylight, when the days begin to get shorter again. If you want to be exact, the moment that happens is at 5:44 PM EST. And this year, you can watch it live at [Stonehenge](#)

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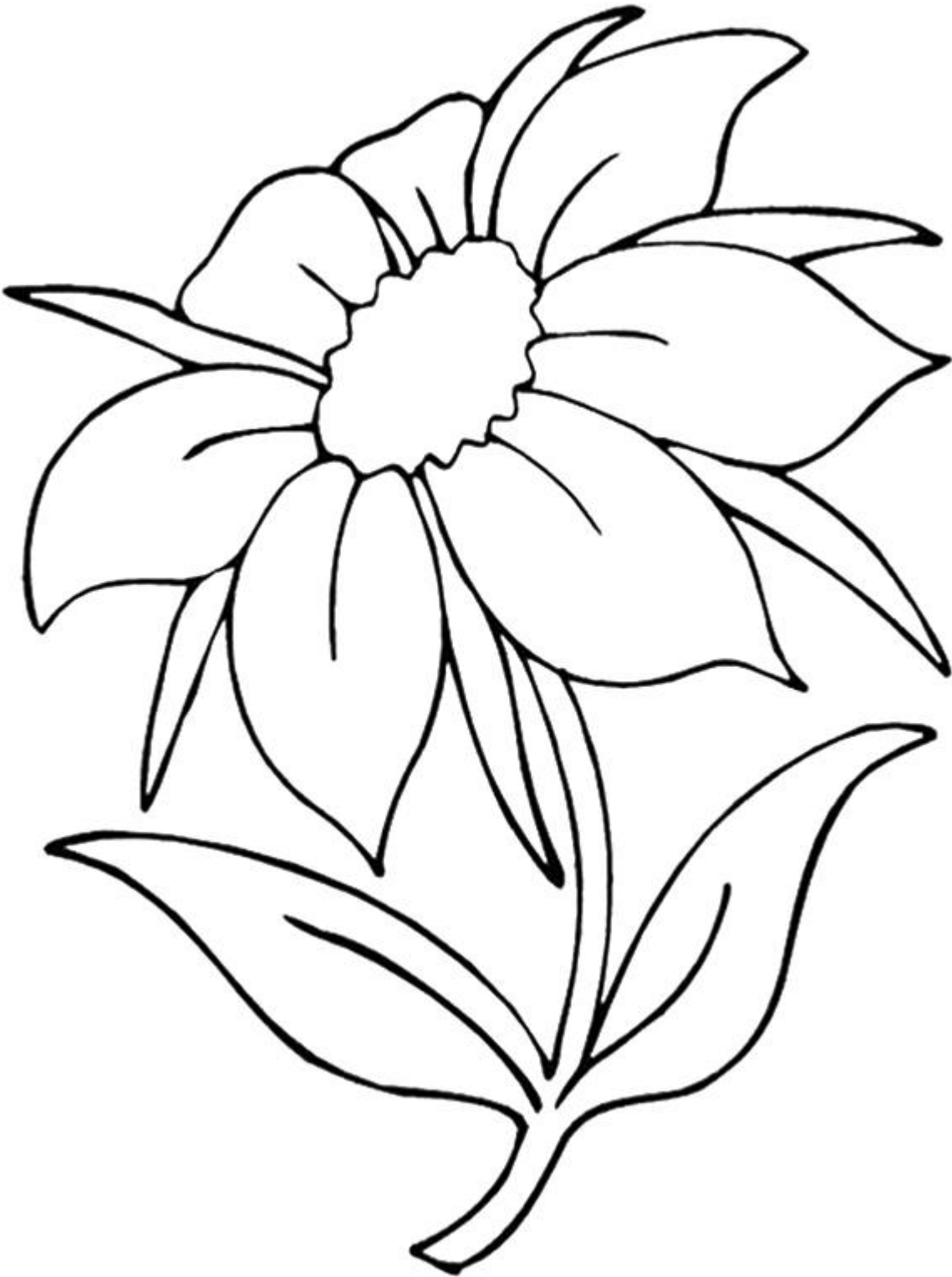




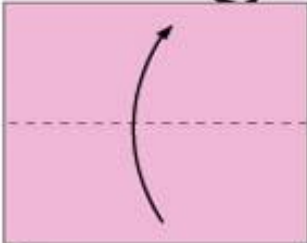










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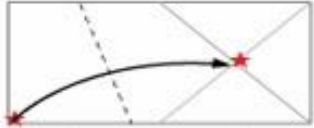
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3 Fold to make a crease and fold back




4 Fold to meet the ★



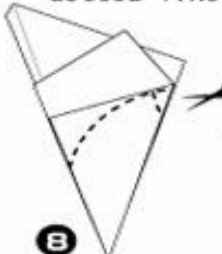
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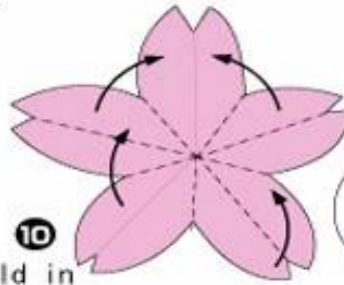
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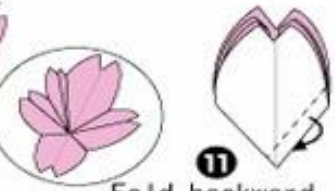
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9 Open



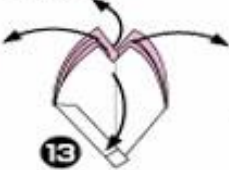
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11 Fold backward in the dotted line




12 Fold in the dotted line



13 Open




14 Turn over




15 Turn over

Shape is straightened. It crushes.



16 Turn over



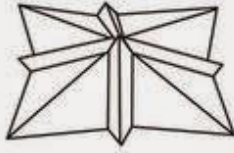
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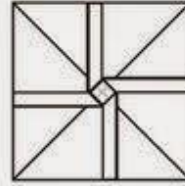
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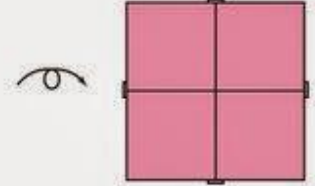
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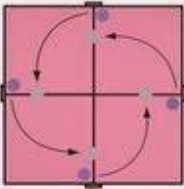
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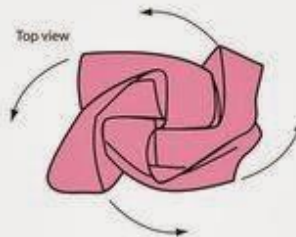
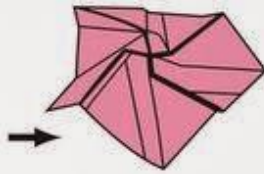
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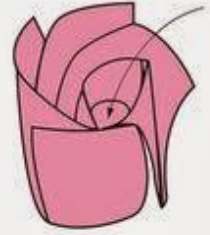
4. Turn over.



5. Form the 3D rose by taking each top right corner and folding to next quadrant, counter clockwise.



6. Form rose within the palm of your hand.



7. Turn over and smooth inside of rose, by pressing down slightly at the base.



8. Fold down edges and tuck in to form the bottom of the rose.



9. Turn over, open centre of flower and smooth.



10. Roll the petals down to curve them. Finished Rose.

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