

**Winchester Unitarian Society**  
Order of Service  
**June 7, 2020**

**Centering Thought**

“...We declare love for ourselves. We will protect our capacity for joy. We will rise and dance. We will honor our ancestors whose bodies, breath, and blood call us to a life of courage. In their name, we choose to see this darkness not as the darkness of the tomb – but of the womb. We will breathe and push through the pain of this era to birth a new future.” – The Revolutionary Love Project Declaration

<https://revolutionaryloveproject.com/>

<https://tinyurl.com/WUSworship>

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*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)

Martin Newhouse

**Announcements:**

- **Sunday Afternoon: WUSYG presents “Take Me Home,” a virtual “potluck” and fundraiser featuring music and stories from our youth.** There will be a brief break after worship, then please be ready to “bring” food that reminds you of home at 11:45 to enjoy in small groups via breakout rooms (as if you were sitting with each other at a potluck!) At noon, we will bring everyone back together for our main event: youth will share some videos of things we can all do from home, plus a few musical performances, interspersed with “commercials” for special homemade products you can purchase, too. WUSYG is organizing this fundraiser as a way to give back to the church, a second home for many of us. 75% of the proceeds will be going to the WUS Operating Budget, and 25% will go to the UU Mass Action Covid Relief Fund. Please use this [link to donate](#): , or send a check to WUS, and put “Take Me Home” in the memo/note field.
- **Sunday Evening: Winchester Candlelight Vigil for Peace, Unity, and Justice, 6:30-8pm** Gather outside of the Winchester Unitarian Society or on your porch to silently hold vigil for George Floyd and other victims of systemic racism. Bring your own candle, a sign to hold and a chair if you wish to sit for part of the time. At 8PM we will light our candles and the church bells in town will ring for 8 minutes and 46 seconds. We invite people to post photos/videos of the vigil on social media under [#win4justice](#). We are mindful that COVID-19 is still infecting and killing people, including many people of color, so please observe social distancing guidelines and wear masks. The Facebook Event can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/277237083425763/>
- **Flower Selfies:** June 14<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate a virtual Flower Communion. This ceremony symbolizes the beauty we find in community and diversity. **We need you to make this service possible!** Prepare by taking a photo of yourself or your family with a flower or two and send it to Rev. Heather **by June 7<sup>th</sup>**: [heather.janules@winchesteruu.org](mailto:heather.janules@winchesteruu.org)
- **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 hardily invite your participation. Please contact Betsy Bowles if you are interested - (617) 584-6477; [bebowles13@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:Rebecca@winchesteruu.org) for details.
- **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 "zombombombers" 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](mailto: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.*

**Introduction**

The Rev. Heather Janules

**Opening Words**

The Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis, from her sermon "Where Love Lives," Citing 1 John 4:16

**Chalice Lighting**

by Loretta Williams (Abridged and Adapted)

*If you wish to do so, please read together the words for our chalice lighting and light a chalice at home as we light the chalice.*

We, bearers of the dream...  
Pledge to work for that community in which justice will be actively present.  
We affirm that there is struggle still ahead.  
Yet we know that in the struggle is hope for the future.  
With the kindling of this chalice flame  
We pledge to make our tomorrows become our todays.

**Hymn # 95** *There is More Love Somewhere*

1 There is more love somewhere. (2x)  
I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it.  
There is more love somewhere.

2 There is more hope somewhere...

3 There is more peace somewhere...

4 There is more joy somewhere...

**First Reflection** *Why and What?* Rebecca Kelley-Morgan

*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](#)*

### **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.

**Prayer** Including words by Elizabeth Nguyen

**Kindling of the Light** *Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child* Samuel Coleridge-Taylor  
*You are invited to now light a candle of joy, sorrow or concern.*

### **Silence**

**Hymn** *There is a Love* Beth Norton and Rebecca Parker

There is a Love holding me.  
There is a Love holding all that I love.  
There is a Love holding all  
I rest in this Love.

There is a Love holding us  
There is a Love holding all that we love  
There is a Love holding all  
We rest in this Love.

**Second Reflection***Love. Period. Join the Revolution!*

Heather Janules

Drawing on the wisdom of:  
Jacqui Lewis, Traci Blackmon and Ruby Sales  
angel Kyodo Williams and Simone Campbell  
Valarie Kaur

**Offering**

This morning, we share our gifts with the **Louis D. Brown Peace Institute**, a local “center of healing, teaching, and learning for families and communities impacted by murder, trauma, grief, and loss.”

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 7th 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**

*Harlem*  
Brendan Buckley, Solo

John Kramer  
Langston Hughes, text

**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.

**Hymn # 315***This Old World*

1 This old world is full of sorrow, full of sickness, weak and sore;  
if you love your neighbor truly, love will come to you the more.

2 We're all children of one family; we're all brothers, sisters, too;  
if you cherish one another, love and friendship come to you.

3 This old world can be a garden, full of fragrance, full of grace;  
if we love our neighbors truly, we must meet them face to face.

4 It is said now, "Love thy neighbor," and we know well that is true;  
this, the sum of human labor, true for me as well as you.

**Benediction**

by Ruby Sales

**Postlude***Troubled Waters*

Margaret Bond

**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**

Paraphrasing Cornell West, what does “love look like in public” to you?

What ideas from the world’s religions speak to you in this challenging time?

How do you and how will you “embody transformative love,”  
as named in our Affirmation of Shared Ministry?

**Music Notes:**

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875-1912) was born to an English mother and father from Sierra Leone in Crodyon, England. He had a brilliant career and was dubbed the “African Mahler” by some. His interest in African-American music led to his setting 24 *Negro Melodies*. *Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child* comes from this collection. ♦ Langston Hughes (1901-67) published his poem *Harlem* in 1951 as part of his *Montage of a Dream Deferred*, a poem cycle about Harlem. This poem is powerfully resonant with our current situation: “What happens to a dream deferred? Does it dry up like a raisin in the sun? Or fester like a sore – And the run? Does it stink like rotten meat? Or crust and sugar over – like a syrupy sweet? Maybe it just sags like a heavy load. *Or does it explode?*” ♦ I am also revisiting a work by Margaret Bonds (1913-72) that we heard last December when the choir presented her *Ballad of the Brown King*. *Troubled Water* is a brilliant setting of the spiritual *Wade in the Water* which reminds us that “God’s gonna trouble the water.”

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**Serving Today**

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Special thanks to John Kramer for serving as Video Coordinator

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*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.*

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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 meditative coloring and a couple of activities.*

Today's Worship Service explores Heather's reflections on the Revolutionary Love conference she attended earlier this spring. Much has changed since then, and much is and will be asked of us. And then there is the challenge of finding the right words at the right time, in the right way to respond to our children as we encounter yet another national trauma and the distress flare of the demonstrations. I used this phrase last week "ways to engage the religious, spiritual, social and activist expressions of our faith" I was referring to worship and Religious Education in the home, and this week, I refer to activism and the spiritual practice of living our faith.

As a community in the days of a pandemic, it's hard to know what to do. Many are taking to the streets. Many are not. We can all bear witness, especially when we raise our children to understand how important it is to address the inequities in our society. My advice to everyone in this Sunday's first reflections is to look not only for the "helpers" but also for the "teachers". It is a time in which we can listen and learn. There are many resources for children, centering people of color, indigenous people and voices from the communities in which we all have a stake. Please reach out if you would like support and/or a curated collection of children's stories.

**Before This Morning's Worship:** You will need your chalice, other candles for kindling the light, these pages, blank paper things to color/draw with, folding paper, and the "ingredients" for the activity towel directions found at the end of these pages (If you wish)

Encourage your children to come closer to the screen for First Reflections 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](mailto: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 family worship you wish to create in your own sacred space. You can also begin to add your own rituals. Just lighting a candle and taking a moment of quiet. 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 through police violence in the Black community. 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>

Here are some things you and your family might try this week together.

**Today, June 7<sup>th</sup>** June is national **Pride Month**. That means we celebrate all kinds of people and all kinds of love. The rainbow flag you see outside our congregation is a Pride symbol. What different ways can you make a rainbow to display? Paint an old sheet and fly a rainbow flag. Paint stones in rainbow colors and set them up in a garden? Hang a rainbow poster (that you draw) in a window? What else can you think of? (there are some Pride pages in this packet too!)

**Monday June 8<sup>th</sup>** Today is **Best Friend Day**. If you have a best friend (who can be a brother or sister or cousin too!) get together on Zoom, or call them, or send them a note or drawing. If you do not have a best friend, think about what kind of best friend you would like to have. Think about the people you know – could any of them be a best friend? Send them a note or give them a call.

**Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup>** We are all spending a lot of time with our families. Sometimes we get impatient or cranky. With the rest of your family revisit or create your very own Family Covenant. Put it where everyone can see it and read it together every day.

<https://www.uua.org/leadership/library/parenting-pandemic/family-covenant>

**Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup>** Have you signed up for your local summer reading program at your public library? If your library is not open yet, create your own. Brainstorm a list of books that cover topics you are interested in. Maybe everyone in your family can read the same books and talk about them. You can have read aloud time, too!

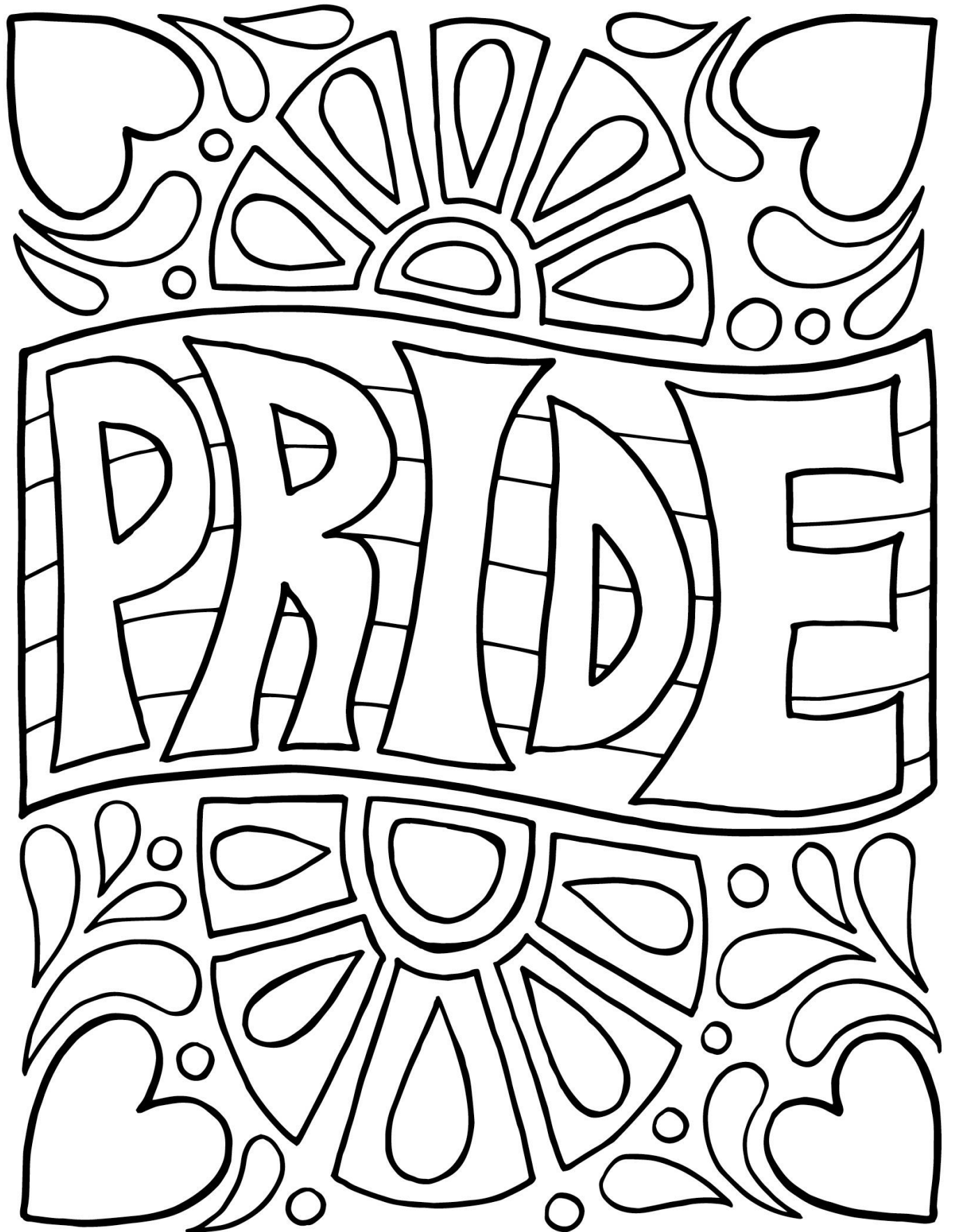
**Thursday June 11<sup>th</sup>** Let us make life beautiful! How can you make your world a more beautiful place? Singing, making art, showing kindness to others?

**Friday June 12<sup>th</sup>** If you are older, learn how you can support [Black Lives Matter](#) and the proposed [8th Principle](#) of Unitarian Universalism. If you are younger, here's a free download of this book to read with your family <https://www.dottirpress.com/not-my-idea>

**Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup>** Tomorrow we celebrate flower communion during our worship service. Can you color some of our flower pages, or fold flowers, or draw your own, or pick flowers to share on Sunday morning?



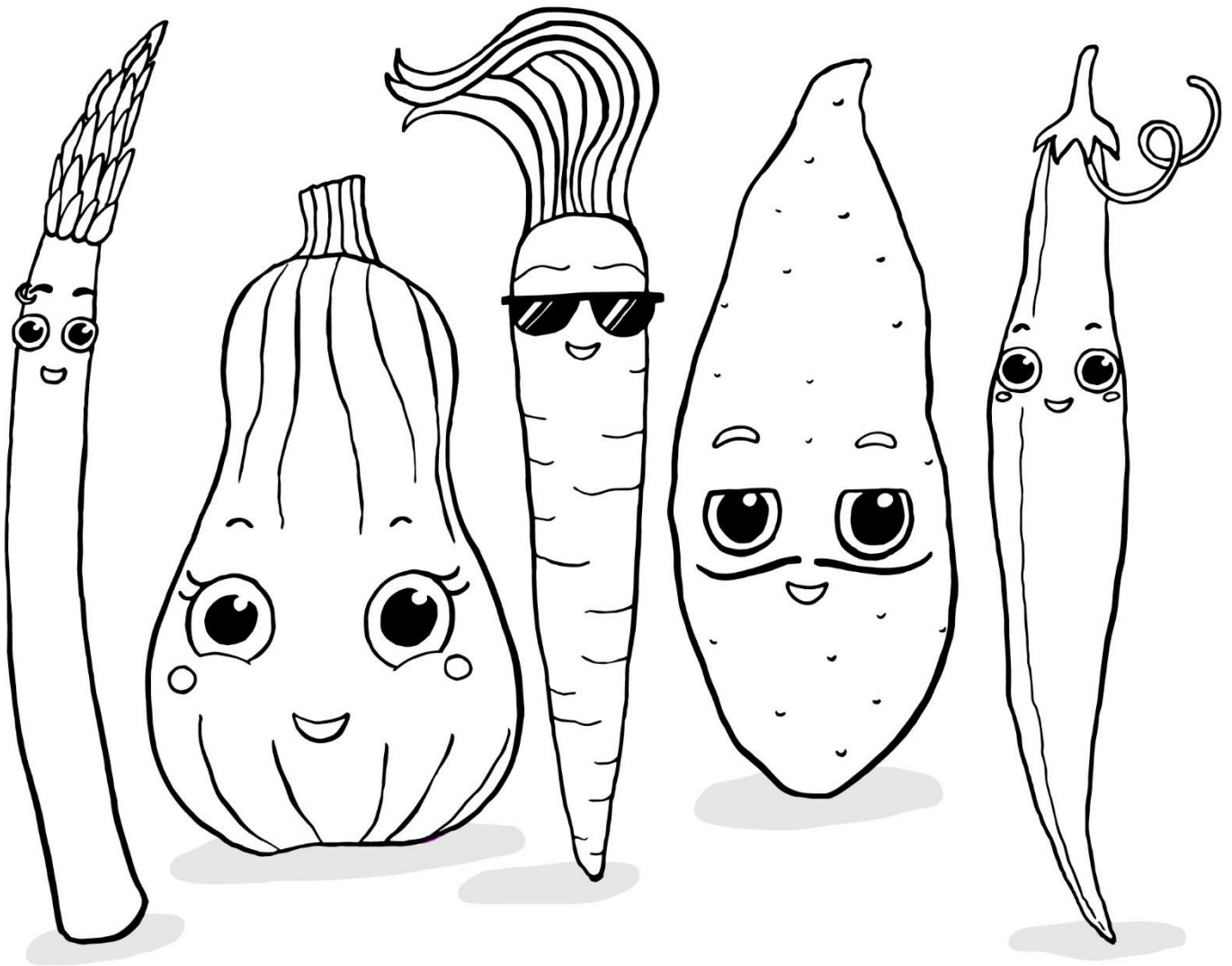




What colors are in a rainbow? Can you color a vegetable rainbow? What colors will you use?

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**Everybody matters. Everyone.**

**People come in all sorts of shapes, sizes, abilities, interests, ages, skin, eye and hair colors. LGBTQ Pride and Black Lives Matter remind us to welcome and protect diversity (ask the adults in your house to explain the words you don't understand)**

# social justice concepts

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# DIVERSITY

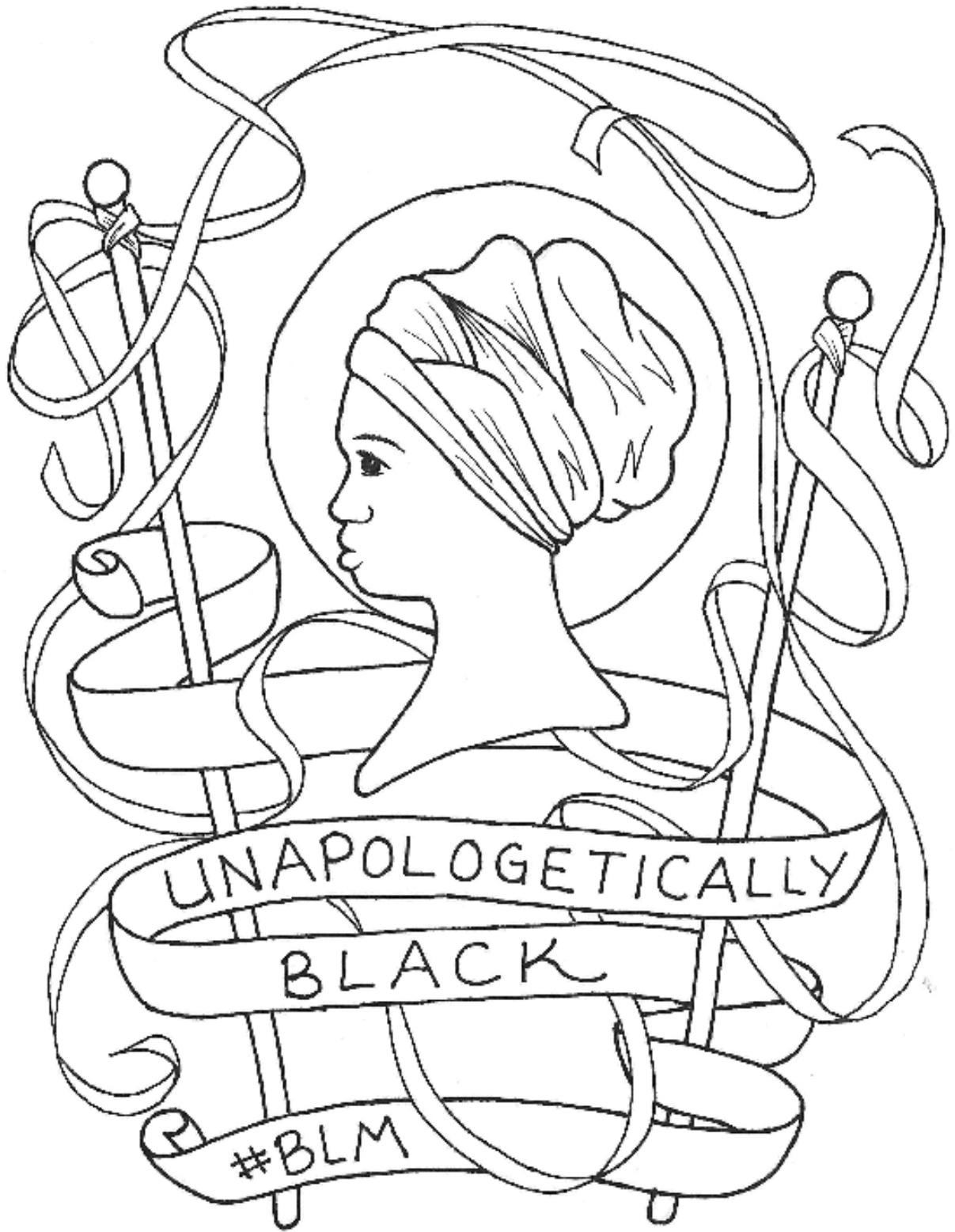


**Different people do different things and have different feelings. It's so important that we have lots of different kinds of people in our community and that everyone feels safe.**

# RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

















**We know that if you hurt somebody, you have to help them feel better; you can't just say, "Sorry," and walk away. We also know that it's important for kids to be able to make a better choice another time, and it's grownups' job to help the m make better choices and to give them chances to do that.**



Do you need to stretch your legs? See how quietly you can find the items on the list.

# OUTDOOR SCAVENGER HUNT

- Rock 
- 3 Kinds of Leaves 
- Something Yellow 
- Bug 
- Something Round 
- Flower 
- Something Smooth 
- Fence 
- Something Plastic 
- 2 Sticks 
- Bird 
- Something Brown 
- Water 
- A Weed 

Can you unscramble the words from your scavenger hunt? Which word ISNT scrambled?

## scavenger hunt

### Scrambled Words

1. BUG
2. RKOC
3. PILASTC
4. GTONHEISM
5. OEWRFLL
6. LEWLYO
7. WTREA
8. TCIKSS
9. OBNRW
10. AELESV
11. EWDE
12. TMOOSH
13. FECEN
14. ODRUN



## DIY Activity Towel

You can make this simple DIY Activity Mat with an old towel and permanent marker! You can use it when camping, after a swim, in a park, or in your home.

### Supplies:

**Old Towel, (or Flat Bed Sheet, or Blanket).**

**Permanent Marker.**

**Ruler.**

**\*Optional – Iron-on Vinyl, Cutting Machine, and Heat Press or Iron, or Paint Pens.**

You can make your towel into a playground – try making a small hopscotch path, a Tic Tac Toe board, and small parking area for toy cars.

Using the marker and your ruler, fold the towel in half, and begin to mark out equal sized squares for hopscotch. When you finish one half, flip your towel over and finish marking the other half of your hopscotch path. Using the “leftover” space on the towel, you can mark a tic tac toe grid, a parking lot for toy cars, a dinosaur paddock, anything that you want. See how creative you can be!

\*If you are using a cutting machine to cut Iron-on Vinyl, cut each hopscotch square individually, and then press onto the mat.

