

**Winchester Unitarian Society**  
Order of Service  
**07-26-20**

**Centering Thought**  
Men argue. Nature acts.  
*Voltaire*

<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.

*Our motto: “Connection, not perfection”*

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

**Prelude** *To a Wild Rose* Edward MacDowell  
John Kramer, Piano

**Community News** (In 140 Characters or Less) Lee Barton

**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.

**Announcements:**

- **Summer Writing Group** Please feel free to come to the Summer Writing Group on every Wednesday from now until August 12<sup>th</sup>. Meetings will take place over Zoom starting at 9 AM. The exact format and focus of the group will be discussed and determined each week based on how the attendee writers wish to spend the time. No writing experience is necessary – just a desire to write. We look forward to “seeing” you! For more information and the link for the meeting contact Judy [[HERE](#)].
- **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 [office@winchesteruu.org](mailto:office@winchesteruu.org)

**Ringling 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 Kartharine Hayhoe

Rebecca Keller

**Chalice Lighting**

Phil Coonley

*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.*

**Hymn #21**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

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.

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.

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.

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**

*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.

**Community Joys and Sorrows**

Kye Flannery

*At this time, you may briefly share a personal joy, sorrow or concern and all are invited to bear compassionate witness. If you would like to speak, just write your name in the Chat function and you will be called on and unmuted. When you are done speaking, you are invited to light a candle at home as a sign of what you have shared. There will then be a time to briefly write your joy or sorrow in the chat to be read aloud if you choose to not speak. We will then light one last candle for all that has been shared and all that remains unspoken within our gathered community.*

**Prayer or Meditation**

Kye Flannery

**Silence**

**Hymn***Our World*

John Kramer

1. This is our world, a miracle of life beyond conceiving,  
Interweaving all creation in a web.  
While our world, it spins around in space through time eternal,  
Let our vernal song flow on and never ebb.  
Let our living be a prayer that people everywhere  
Find the truth in life and change our ways.  
This is our world, don't use so much she's got no more to give.  
We can live in peace and harmony with all.

**CHORUS:**

Our world, one world.  
Honor creation, true ecology restore.  
Our world one world.  
Life in balance find our Eden once more.

2. In our world there is a balance we can comprehend,  
Let us mend our ways and then we'll put an end,  
To a world where hast and greed make waste and desecration.  
Let our salvation be the life we long to live.  
Let our living be a prayer that people everywhere  
Find the truth in life and change our ways  
This is our world, the only one that we will ever know  
Let the seeds we sow bear fruit for evermore.

Repeat CHORUS 2x

**Reading**

by Naomi Oreskes

Rebecca Keller

**Reflection***Climate change: living in interesting times*

John Keller

**Offering**

Lee Barton

The offering is a spiritual practice, a public commitment to this community's values of welcome, inclusion, religious freedom and service. Thank you for generosity of substance and spirit!

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 "July 26th 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***IPCC Report on Climate Change*

John Kramer

**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 #1064**

*Blue Boat Home*

1. Though below me, I feel no motion Standing on these mountains and plains  
Far away from the rolling ocean Still my dry land heart can say  
I've been sailing all my life now Never harbor or port have I known  
The wide universe is the ocean I travel And the earth is my blue boat home.

2. Sun, my sail and moon, my rudder As I ply the starry sea  
Leaning over the edge in wonder Casting questions into the deep  
Drifting here with my ship's companions All we kindred pilgrim souls,  
Making our way by the lights of the heavens In our beautiful blue boat home

3. I give thanks to the waves upholding me Hail the great winds urging me on  
Greet the infinite sea before me Sing the sky my sailor's song  
I was born upon the fathoms Never harbor or port have I known  
The wide universe is the ocean I travel And the earth is my blue boat home.

**Benediction**

Kye Flannery

**Postlude**

*Wildflower*

Wayne Shorter

**Extinguishing the Chalice**

Kye Flannery

*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.

**Stay on to join us for Coffee Hour and a Chat!**

**Questions for Reflection**

How can we reorient ourselves to find a healthier balance in a reciprocal relationship with the Earth, and with each other?

What is a "doable" action your household could do to reduce its Green House Gas emissions (aka carbon footprint?)

Has an action of a friend or neighbor caused you to think about climate actions you might take?

**Music Notes:**

We begin and end with a tribute to the beauty of nature. The prelude is part of American composer Edward MacDowell's *Woodland Sketches*, published in 1896. ♦ We close with music from American jazz composer and saxophonist Wayne Shorter, from his 1964 album *Speak No Evil*. ♦ The Offertory is from my *Jazz Suite for Earth Day* that the choir performed back in April of 2019. This is a setting of the summary from the October 2018 report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

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**Serving Today**

Pastoral Care Associate On-Call This Week: Barbara Keyes, 339-927-1591  
Special thanks to Tyson Kamikawa 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 asks the question of all of us, What is a church? What is a Congregation? The Covid-19 pandemic has turned everything upside down. We are now making connections through virtual church "vurch" and ask ourselves – how do we express and live out our Unitarian Universalist faith when we are apart? In this week's packet, I offer a refresher on our Unitarian Universalist 7 Principles with a coloring page for each. Please encourage your children (with some help as necessary) to send photos of them to me, to collage for publication in our next Mystic Messenger.

As we contemplate ways to engage the religious, spiritual, social and activist expressions of our faith, without meeting in person, it's a great time to contemplate your own sacred space at home and how you bring that alive with your family.

This is the last week of suggestions for sacred space ideas in your household. You have been invited to find a home for your chalice, cover it with something decorative and place your chalice/candle on it, find a chime or bell to use, a giving bowl for sharing your abundance, symbols, spiritual and religious, representations of your family and something(s) from nature.

This month's last suggested addition to your sacred space – a picture of our Congregation's building. It can be a photo of the front door we all go in, or the flags we fly along the parkway. It can be a photograph that you go to Winchester Unitarian Society to take, or one that children and other family members draw from memory. As we remain physically apart, it's important to remember the place where we first came together and the place where we will one day return to – safely – to gather once again. It's also an important part of family lore – the faith tradition of which we are a part. During the worship service this morning, feel free to invite your children to create their drawn memories of Winchester Unitarian Society.

**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, scissors for cutting out the principle numbers (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 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. 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/16eq9h9bnOJAssE8U21wDcj4IjPZkyD-iW96UShQgdmw/edit?usp=sharing>

**What shall we do with our summer ahead? Perhaps you would like to dedicate one day of each week to explore one of our Unitarian Universalist 7 Principles. 7 Days in a week? 7 Principles? Perfect!**

**SUNDAY Our 1<sup>st</sup> Principle Each person is important.**

Whether it's taking time to help out a neighbor who can't leave their house, or provide greetings to those who might not otherwise receive them, or working hard to help our family members, in these days of social distancing, we purposefully seek out new ways to help our community. We do this because we believe that everyone is important. How can you help other people today and other days? Make a list and see if you can do something from it every Sunday.

**MONDAY Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Principle Be just and kind in all you do.**

It's important to speak up for yourself, and it can be important to speak up for other people. How can you be fair to others and to yourself? How can you be kind and honest at the same time? Before you say something, ask yourself "Is this true?" "Is it kind" "do I need to say it?"

**TUESDAY Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Principle Learn Together.**

How can we learn from and with each other? Can your family try a new recipe? Learn a new game? What would YOU like to learn about? Ask others what they can teach you. Offer to teach something to them. An origami fold, a magic trick, how to cartwheel. You choose.

**WEDNESDAY Our 4<sup>th</sup> Principle Search for what is true.**

There are many ways to search for truth. Do you ever get a feeling in the pit of your stomach? It's telling you something. Maybe what is true for you, is not true for someone else. It is true for me that macaroni and cheese is the BEST meal ever, but pizza is BORING. Is that your truth? It's okay if it isn't. What other things do you find when searching for truth?

**THURSDAY Our 5<sup>th</sup> Principle All people need a voice.**

It is an important part of being a Unitarian Universalist to let people make decisions for themselves, whether it's the congregation, the country, or our own families. Try voting on something in your family, or on Zoom, or with friends. If there is a difference of opinion, can you find a in between – a compromise? Learn about all the reasons the adults in your life vote.

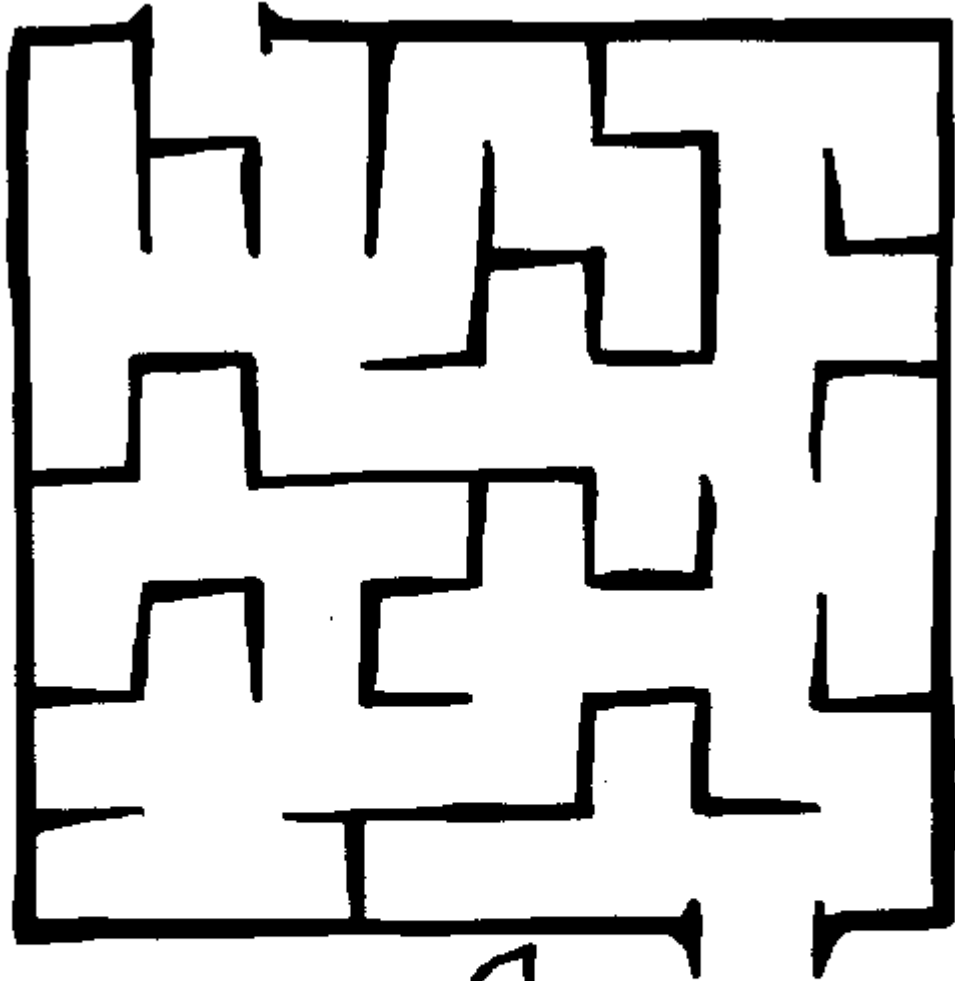
**FRIDAY Our 6<sup>th</sup> Principle Build a fair and peaceful world.**

The world is fair when everyone has enough – shelter, food, education, etc. It is also more peaceful when all people, everywhere, have enough. How much is enough? How many shoes can you wear at once? Think of ways that you can share what you have. Think of ways that you can bring peace to wherever you are.

**SATURDAY Our 7<sup>th</sup> Principle Respect the Earth, our home.**

Learn about the part of Earth we live on. Each day is a day to explore and tend our part of Earth. Look carefully at the plants, pick up trash (take bags and gloves), close your eyes and listen to the birds and other sounds, and smell the smells. What do you notice? What do you hear? What do you smell? What has changed since the last time you did this?

**Start**









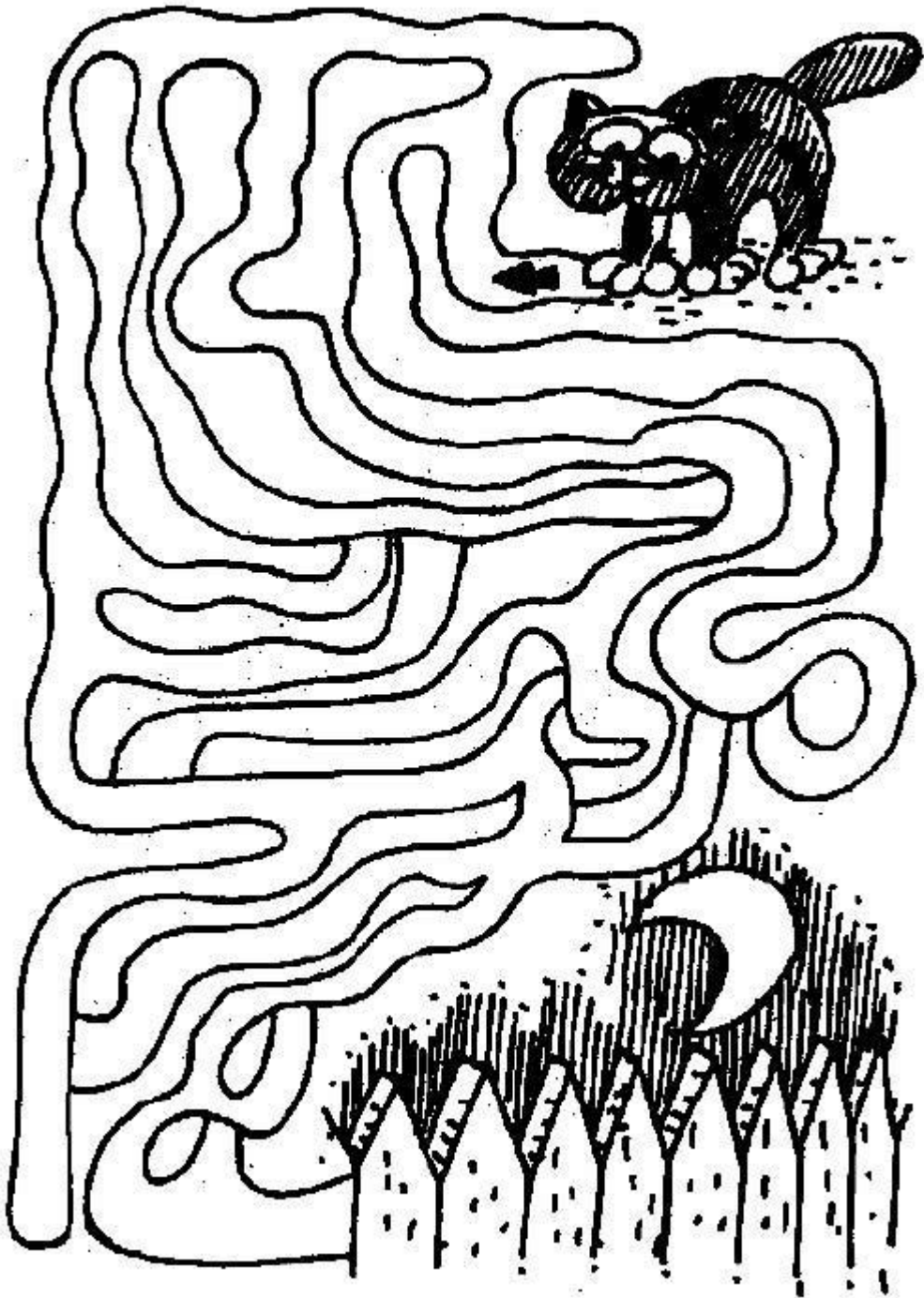
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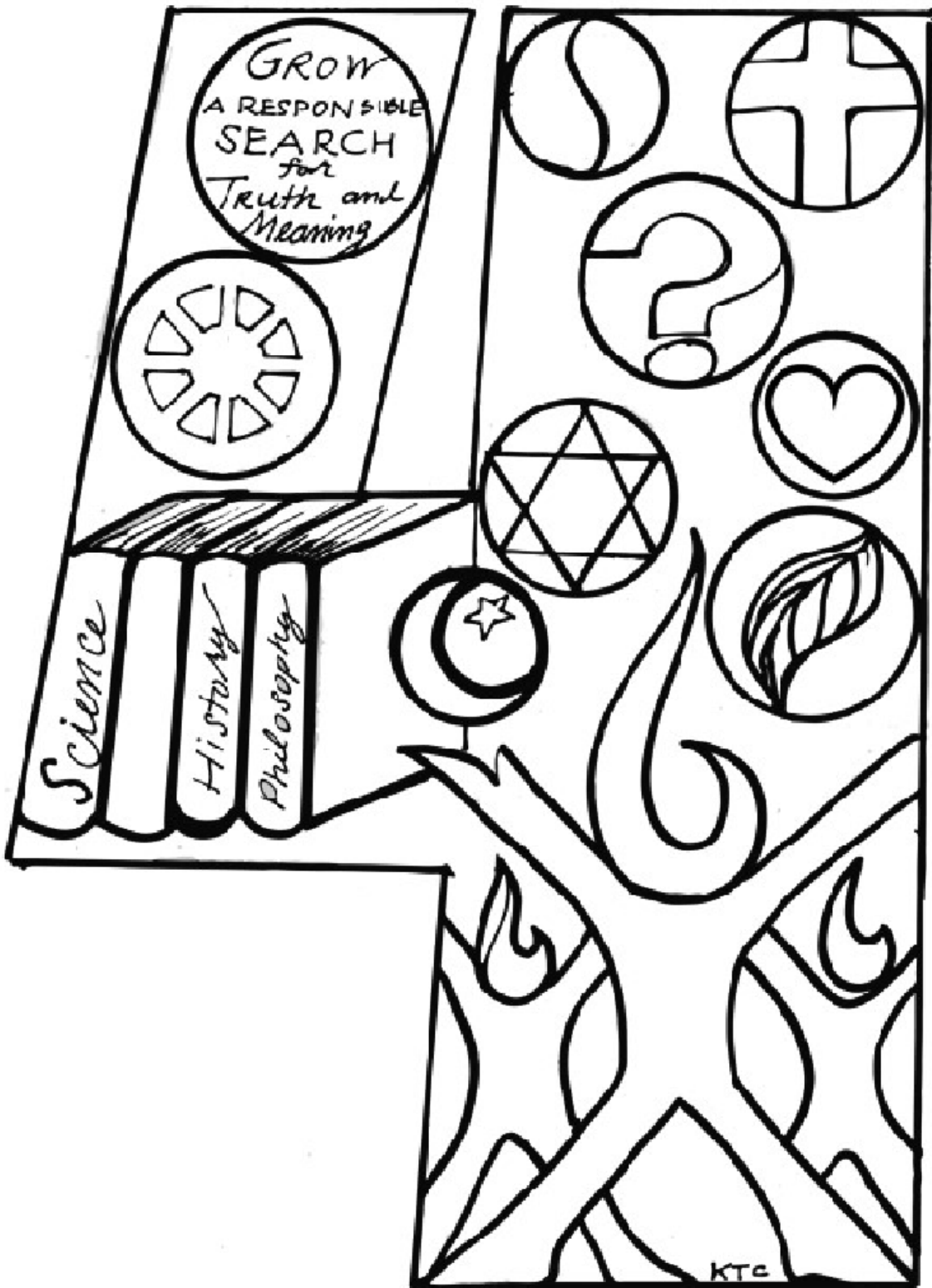


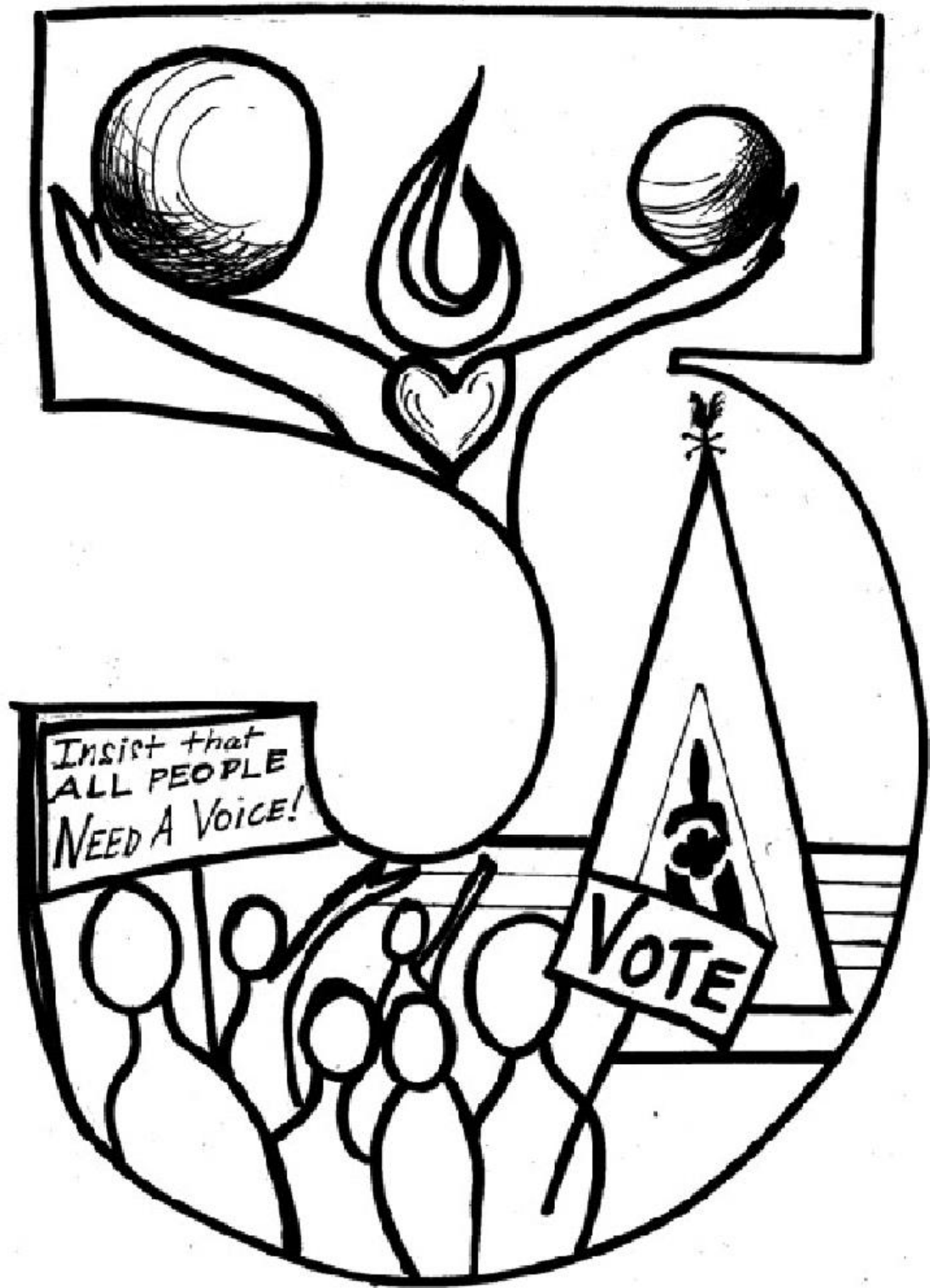
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Accept One Another

**Help the cat find the fence.**











## Unscramble the Words

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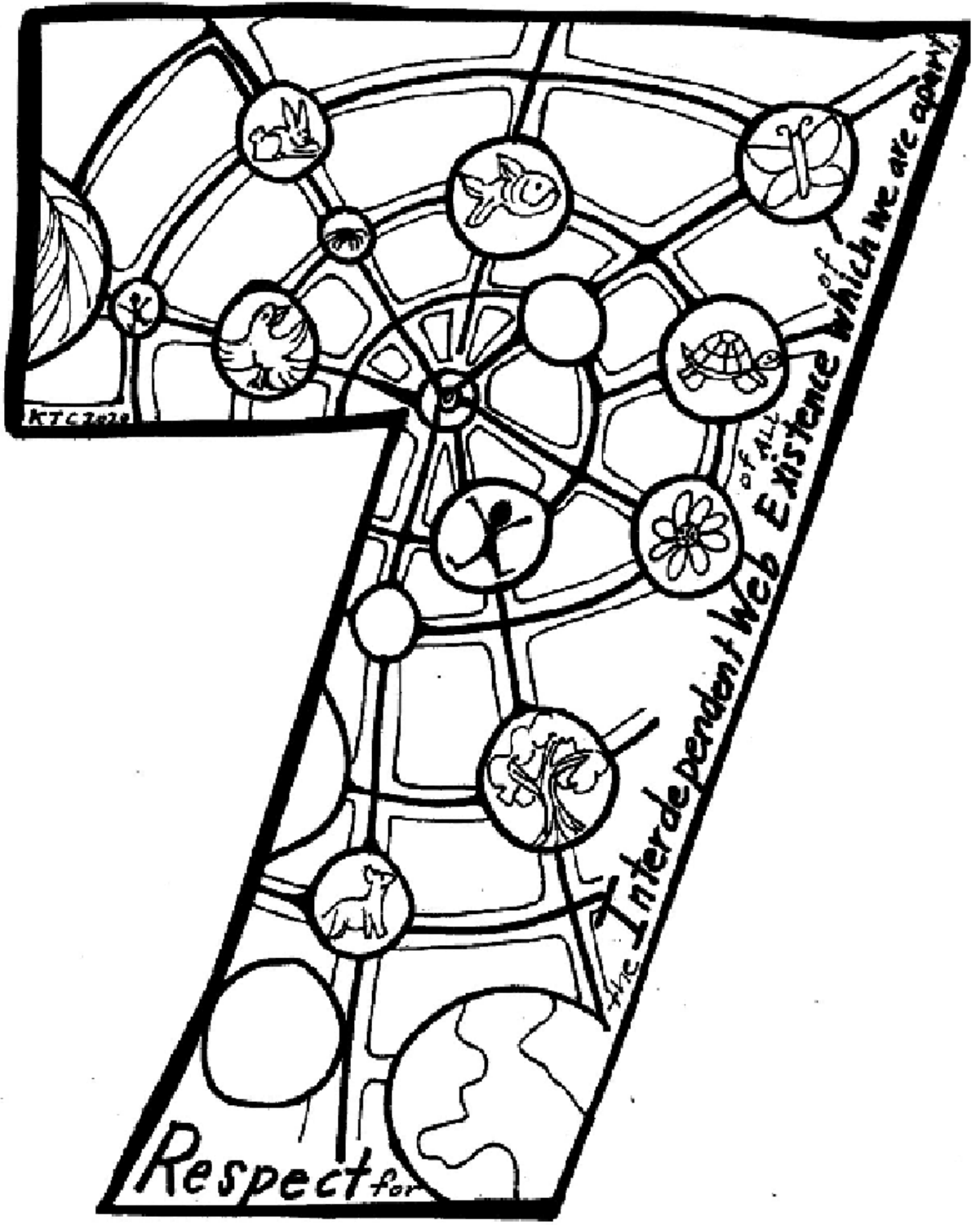
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# 7 Principles Words

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- RESPECT
- LIFE
- EVERYONE
- LEARN
- FAIR
- WEB
- KINDNESS

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/1202932/>

Can You Find all the words? What Principle Numbers do you think they belong with?

# Everyone is Important, Right?

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# social justice concepts

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 KIND  
 UNITED  
 EQUALITY

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When we build a fair and peaceful world, what are the words we think about?