

Winchester Unitarian Society
Order of Service
September 6, 2020
Blessing of the Animals

Centering Thought

“For the animal shall not be measured by man. In a world older and more complete than ours, they are more finished and complete, gifted with extensions of the senses we have lost or never attained, living by voices we shall never hear. They are not brethren, they are not underlings; they are other Nations, caught with ourselves in the net of life and time.” - Henry Beston, naturalist

<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	<i>The Swan</i> Tyson Kamikawa, Saxophone	Camille Saint-Saëns Photograph by Barbara Keyes
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Community News (In 140 Characters or Less)	Lee Barton
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Announcements:

- **An Order-of-Service Experiment Coming.** As many congregations have integrated order-of-service information into their virtual services, they have eliminated paper printouts. So, for the month of September, we will have an order-of-service available as usual but will structure the service so you may not need it. Try attending worship without using the order-of-service and tell us what works well and what does not work well. Thank you!
- **Seasonal Flower Images Wanted** Please send current photos of local flora to Rev. Heather at heather.janules@winchesteruu.org so we can "decorate the chancel" during virtual worship.
- **Outdoor Open Office Hours:** As of September 3rd, Rev. Heather is offering outdoor open office hours from noon until 2pm (weather permitting) in the Meditation Garden on Thursdays. Come to say hello, to share something on your heart and mind or to greet other members and friends of WUS. Masks required; distance protocols will be followed. If the weather doesn't look great, call the office first to confirm that the outdoor office is open for business – 781.729.0949. We will offer outdoor office hours until winter temperatures begin.
- **Religious Education (RE) will be starting again next Sunday,** September 13 after services from 12pm-1pm. We meet and greet members of the congregation who have come to "deliver" their waters to Winchester Unitarian Society after our virtual service. Afterwards join us for a family RE (bring your own) picnic as we discuss ways to keep our community connected during this year. We meet in-person, on the lawn at the Society, masked and socially-distanced. We're so excited to see you all again! Stay tuned for information and details about our gatherings this fall, and our virtual family worship services.
- **What We Owe To Each Other: Discussions on "The Good Place"** ANOTHER Six Session Series: Every Friday Night from 7-9pm Beginning September 18th Not every television show touches on human morality, philosophy and the afterlife. Nor does every program include unforgettable and sometimes irreverent characters. But The Good Place offers all these things, exploring ancient spiritual questions with a light heart...This past Spring, a number of WUS community members and friends watched and discussed

Season 1 together. We had so much fun, we did an "independent study" of Season 2 over the summer and will soon watch Season 3 again as a class. If you watch the first two seasons first, you are welcome to join us for Season 3! Through an on-line format, we will watch two short episodes in real time and then share our thoughts, reactions and ideas with one another. Let Rev. Heather know if you wish to participate: heather.janules@winchesteruu.org

- **Save the Date – We Believe in Dog is Back!** Saturday, September 19th, 10am: We Believe in Dog is a gathering of WUS members and friends – and their dogs – who walk together in the Fells. You don't need a dog to participate! All participating dogs must be friendly and vaccinated.
 - We next gather on Saturday, September 19th. We will meet at the second of three entrances to the Middlesex Fells on Hillcrest Parkway at 10:00 am and start walking around 10:05. *Our walk will comply with WUS pandemic protocols for outdoor gatherings including a sign-in sheet with a brief symptom survey. Masks – worn properly – are required.*
 - Let Rev. Heather know if you plan to come: heather.janules@winchesteruu.org Please also send your cell number if this is your first walk so we can reach out to you if you are not at the starting point when we are about to begin.
- **WUS Writing Group** Please feel free to come to the WUS Writing Group on every Wednesday from now until September 30th. 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 Dan [[HERE](#)].

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 *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 “Invocation” Rebecca Kelley-Morgan

Chalice Lighting by Mark Causey, adapted Heather Janules
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 light this chalice, spark of the original fire of creation, to remind us that we all on this planet—the furred, the feathered, the finned, and the scaled, along with us—we are all made of the same star-stuff and all share a common destiny. We are inextricably intertwined, interconnected and interdependent. And it is good.

Hymn #15 *The Lone Wild Bird*

Reading “Ben” by Caroline Jackson Kelley, adapted Kye Flannery

Remembering and Naming our Beloved Dead
Please type the name of animal or animals you wish to remember in the “chat.”

Reading of Names

Silence

Reflections “Who Rescued Who?” Rebecca Kelley-Morgan

Introductions and Blessing

Please use the raised hand function in zoom to be unmuted so that you may introduce yourselves and your animal companions who are here to share a blessing. As the words of the blessing are offered, you are invited to enact the blessing with a light sprinkling of water.

Blessing

Response from Congregation

Sung Blessing

May the light within you shine before you, every day, every day.

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.

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 "August 30, 2020 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

The Cat Aria

Giaochino Rossini

Sarah and Rachel Milt, Vocals

Affirmation of Shared Ministry

Lee Barton

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 #203

All Creatures of the Earth and Sky

Benediction

Rev. Gary Kowalski

Postlude

Pussy Cat Dues

Charles Mingus

Extinguishing the Chalice

Lee Barton

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

If you could be any animal at all, which would you choose to be? Why?
How have animals blessed you? How have you blessed them?
What stories can you tell about encounters or relationships with animals?

Serving Today

Pastoral Care Associate On-Call This Week: **Kim Foley** 339-227-0216
Special thanks to **Dan Hermes** 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,

Before This Morning's Animal Blessing Worship: You will need your chalice, other candles for kindling the light, representations of animals if you have no pets in your home (animals who don't live with us need our blessings as well!) or if you have uncooperative pets (it happens!), a small vessel of water and something green to 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 when invited, 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

What shall we do with our week 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 1st 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 2nd 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 3rd 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 4th 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 5TH 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 6th Principle Build a fair and peaceful world.

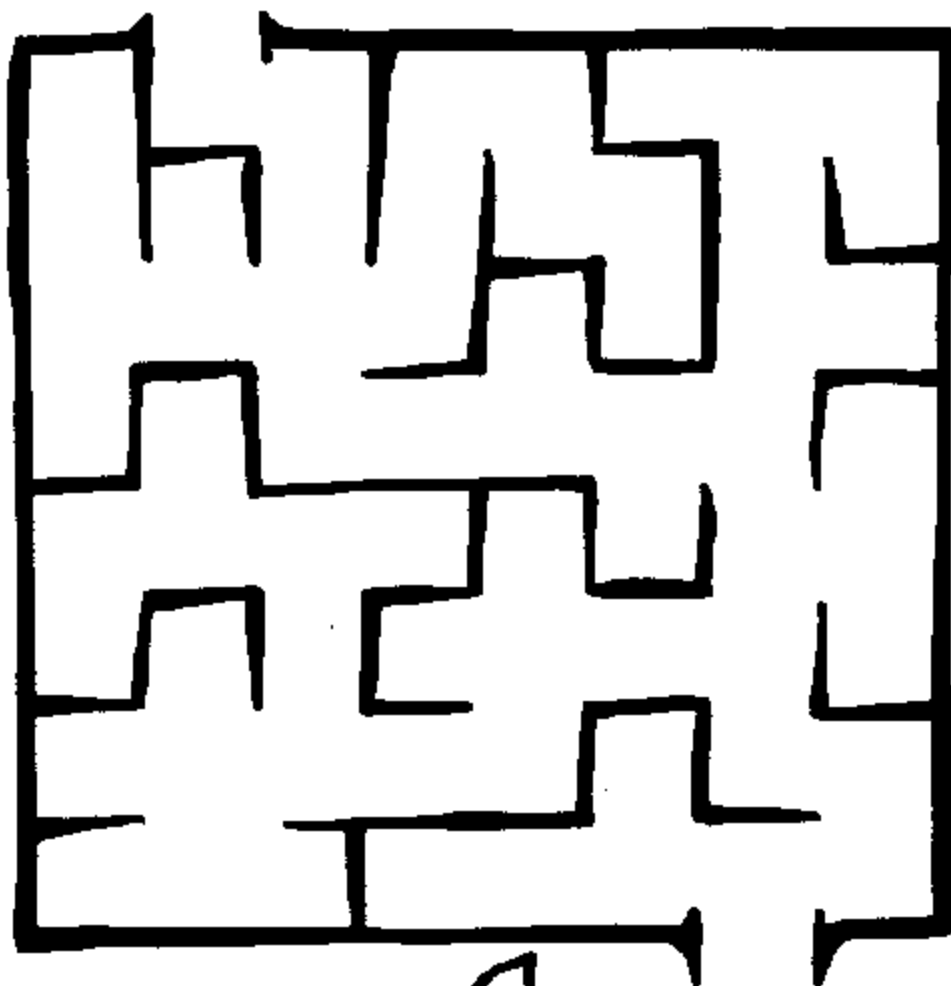
The world is fair when everyone has enough – shelter, food, education, etc. It is also more peaceful when all people, everywhere, have enough. How much is enough? How many shoes can you wear at once? Think of ways that you can share what you have. Think of ways that you can bring peace to wherever you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

SATURDAY Our 7th 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?

Since we are ALL connected, what animals do you feel most “connected” to. Draw them below. Or draw your idea of an animal that hasn’t been ever seen before.

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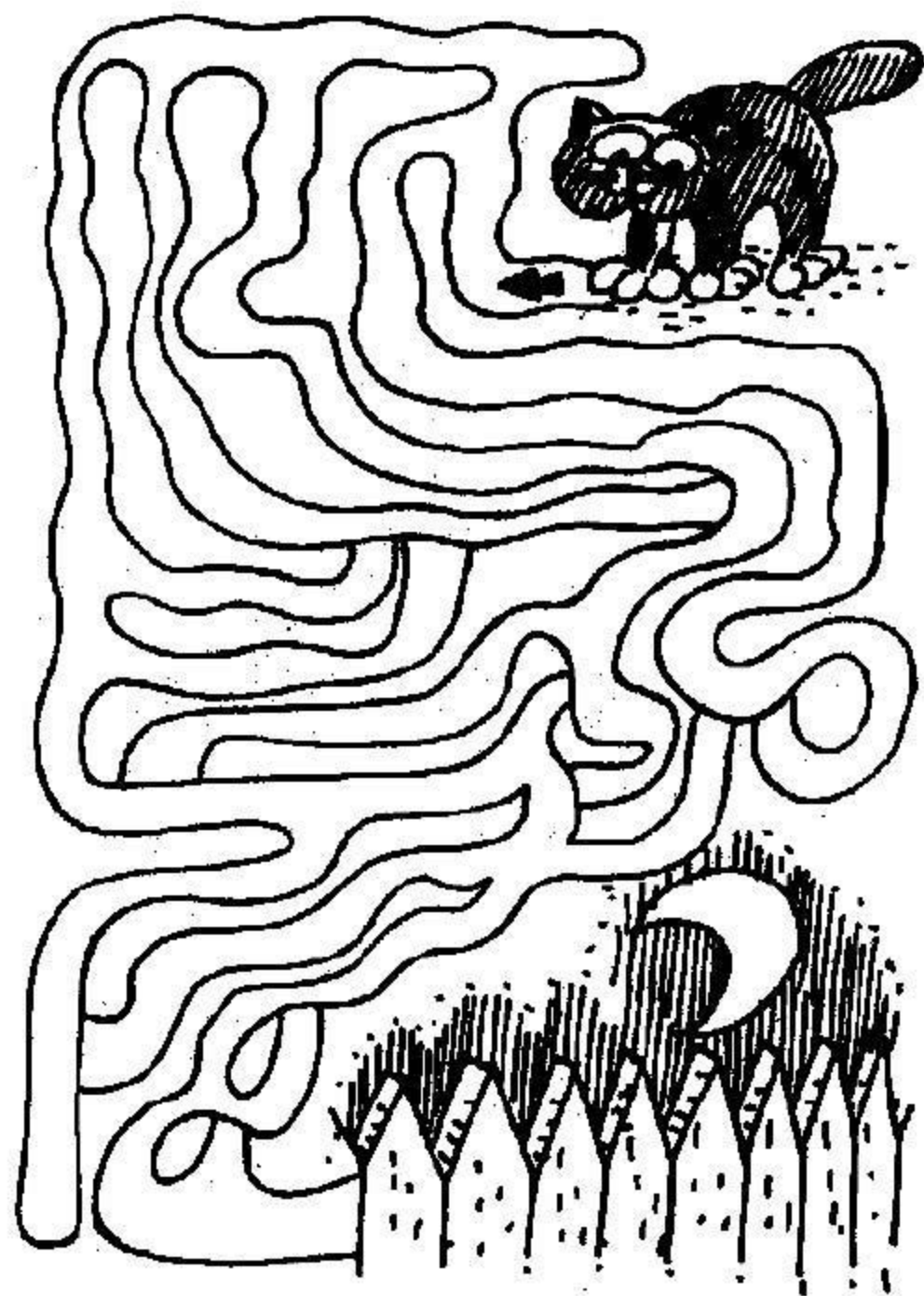
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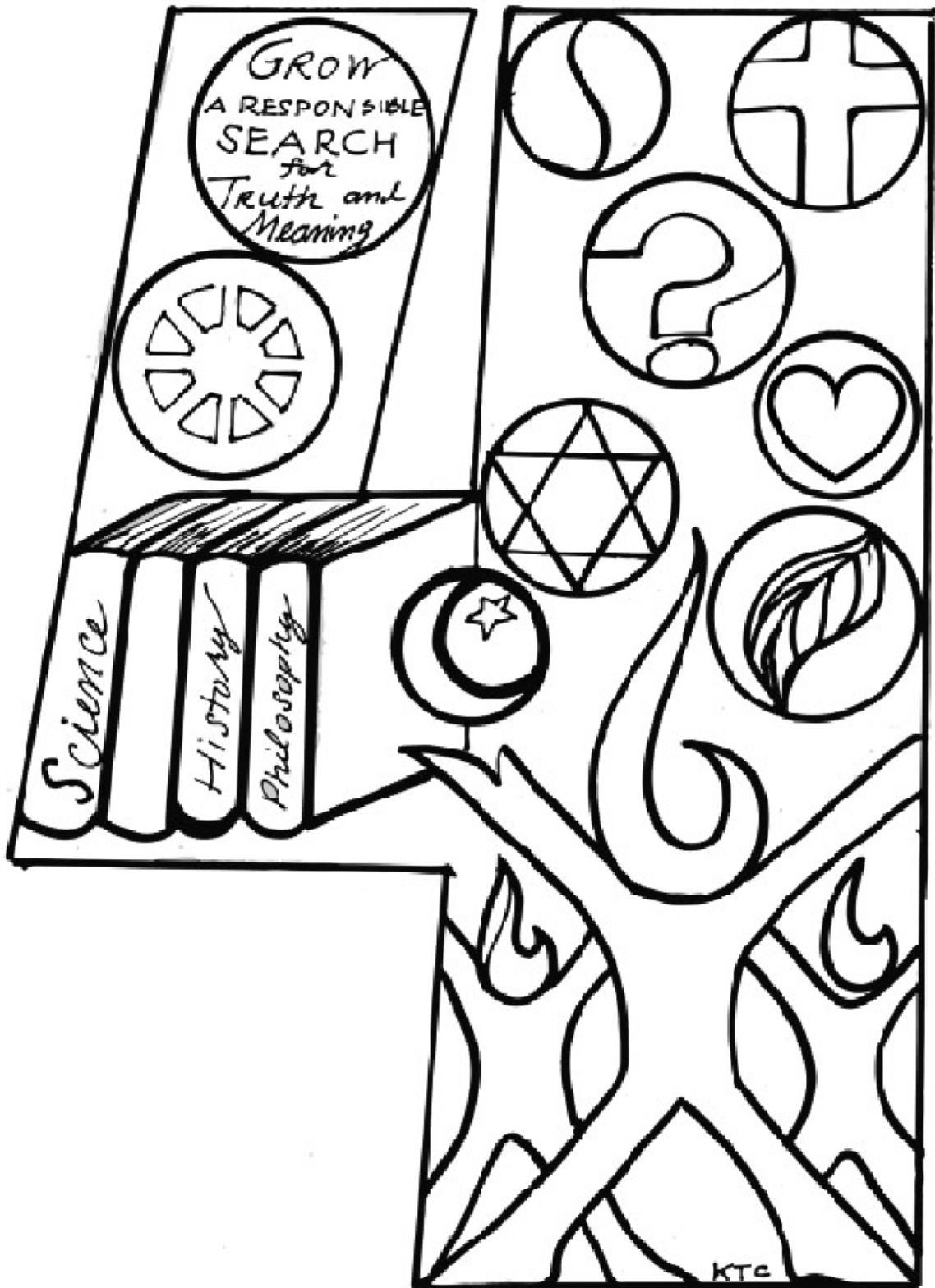


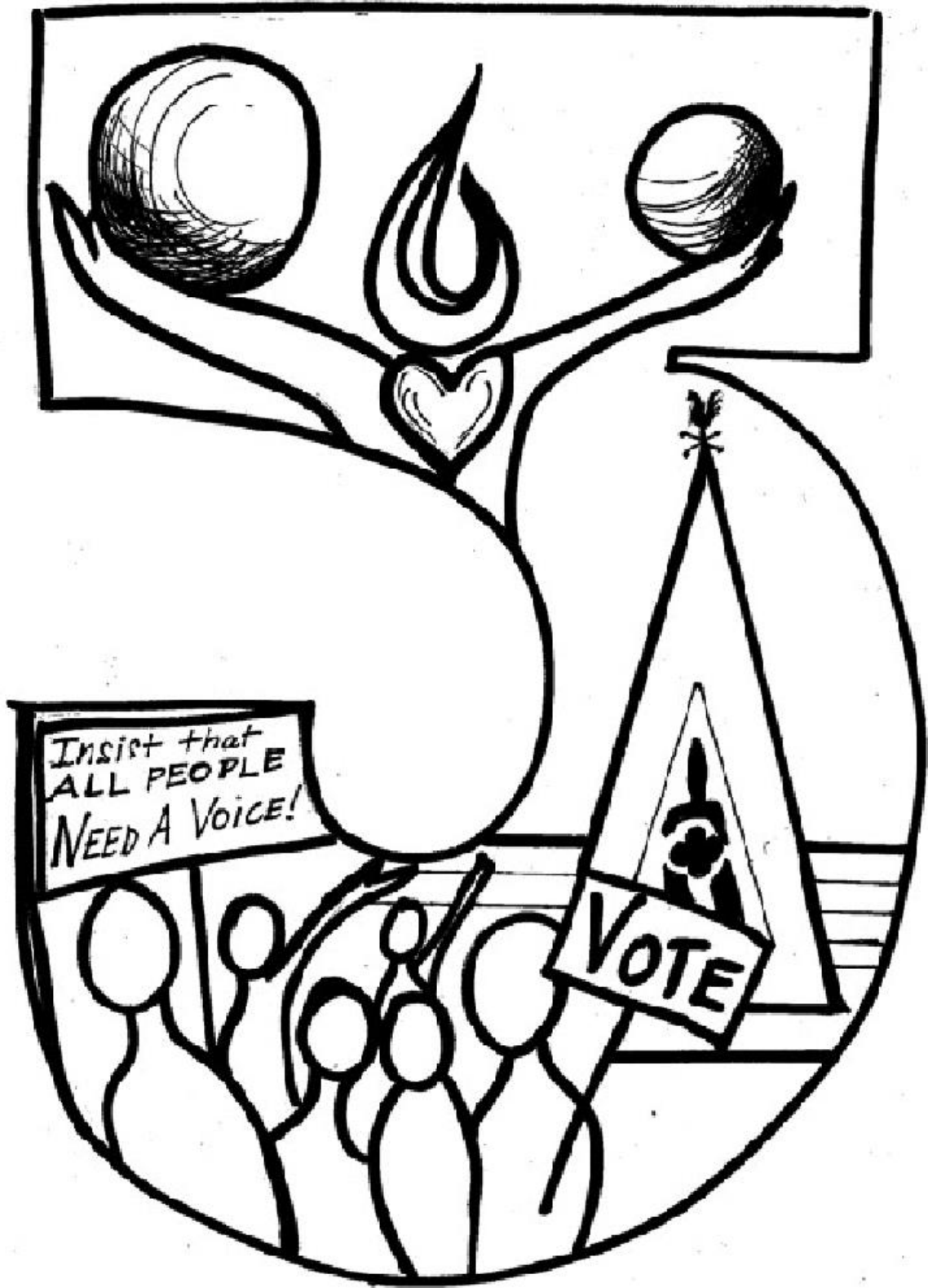
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Accept One Another

Help the cat find the fence.







Insist that
ALL PEOPLE
NEED A VOICE!

VOTE



Unscramble the Words

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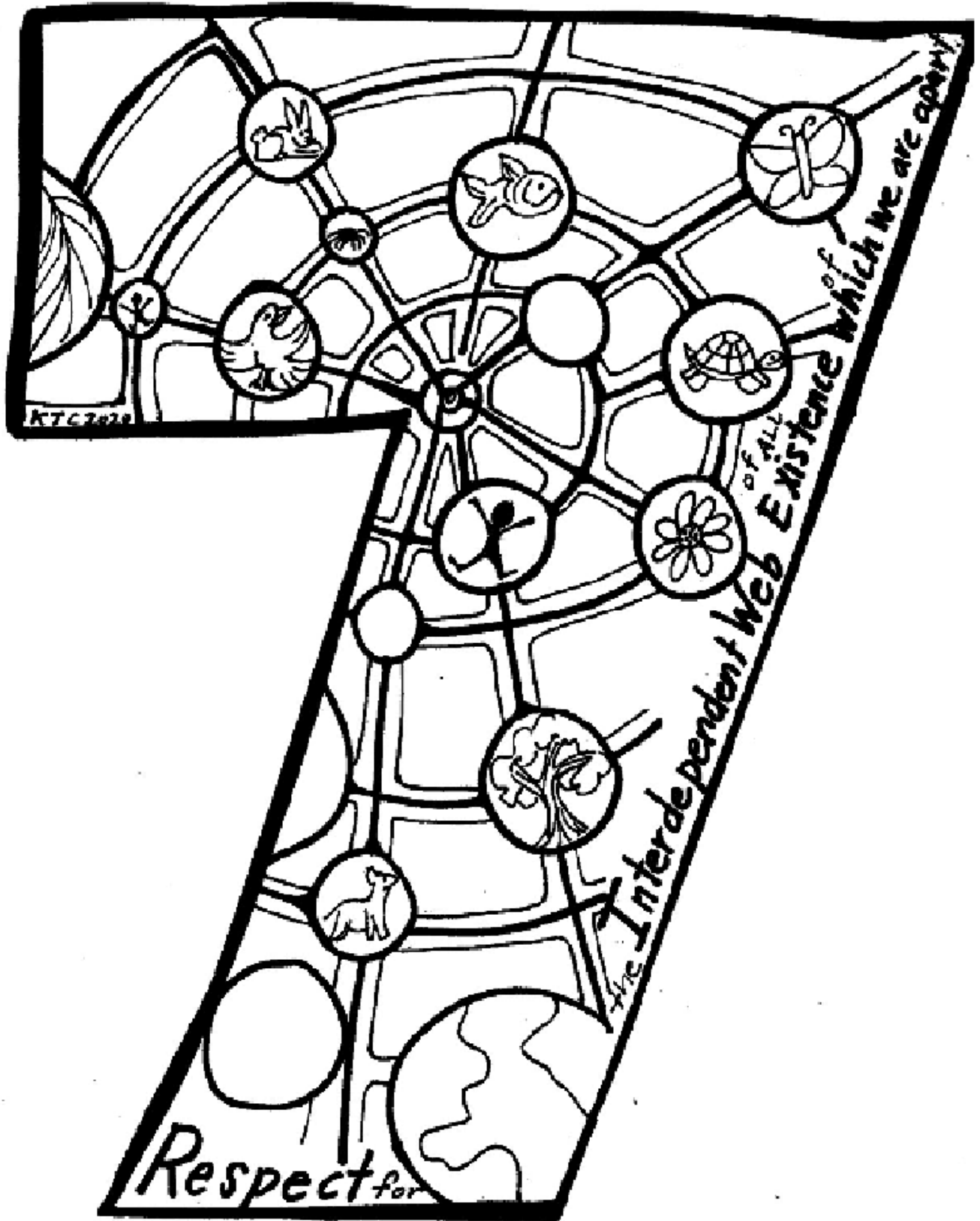
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The Interdependent Web of Existence of which we are a part

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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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 HELPERS
 LOVE
 KIND
 UNITED
 EQUALITY

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