

Hope

Opening words and Chalice lighting:

Hope is a thing with feathers-
That perches in the soul-
And sings the tune without the words-
And never stops-at all-

Emily Dickinson

Welcome and check-in (A time to share what is on your mind in order to clear it and be in the present.)

Reading for discussion

The past is a source of knowledge, and the future is a source of hope.
Love of the past implies faith in the future.

Samuel Ambrose

Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all.

Dale Carnegie

Hope begins in the dark, the stubborn hope that if you just show up and try to do the right thing, the dawn will come. You wait and watch and work. You don't give up.

Ann Lamott

Questions for discussion

- What are your hopes for the future both personally and in the broader view?
- How important is it that we continue to have hope?
- Are there times when it would be better to give up hope? What happens then?

Check-out (A time to share likes and wishes, such as "I like how we..." "I wish we would...", or express how you felt about the group.)

Closing words and extinguishing the Chalice:

It is difficult to say what is impossible, for the dream of yesterday is the hope of today and the reality of tomorrow.

Robert H. Goddard

Thanks to everyone for their participation and commitment to our group!