

Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard



February 16, 2025

"Drawing The Circle Wide"

with Rev. Vicky Hanjian

How does one step inside a circle? When I imagine a circle, it is closed: the end of the line meets the point where it begins. But the circle we are talking about is different. It is, indeed, more of an enso. If someone is to step inside, there must be an opening, which also means the circle can be described as perpetually incomplete which - for those of us who want to make sure we get things right - can lead to great anxiety...

- Rev. Rod Richards

Ring the Bell

Welcome and Community Connections

Linda Moffat

Prelude

Jeremy Berlin

Opening Words and Chalice Lighting

Linda Moffat and Kristy Brooks

Opening Hymn #67

Candles of Joy and Concern

Linda Moffat

Pastoral Meditation

Rev. Vicky Hanjian

Offering

Offertory

Jeremy Berlin

Reading by Lesley Hazleton, from *Agnostic: A Spirited Manifesto*

Sermon "Drawing the Circle Wide"

Rev. Vicky Hanjian

Closing Hymn #170 "We Are A Gentle Angry People"

Jeremy Berlin

Closing Words To be the welcome we crave...

Rev. Vicky Hanjian

Let's *be* the welcome we crave—
open hearts,
arms outstretched.

Let's embody radical welcome, unquestioning love.

Let's *be* the welcome we crave—
deeply hearing voices and hearts.

Let's *be* the welcome we crave— enriching, understanding.

Let us embody
the community
we crave. Together.

Postlude

Jeremy Berlin

Thank you to our volunteers Ann Charnley, Bill Bridwell & Jenifer Parkinson for our service support, Sue Streeter for providing refreshments and Ann Charnley for visual arts/flowers.

Worship Committee (WC)

The members of the Worship Committee (WC) are always open to hearing your thoughts, concerns, and ideas for the congregation. Please don't hesitate to reach out to any of the following committee members:

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They look forward to hearing from you and working together to strengthen our community!

Pastoral Coverage and Care

Rev. Vicki Hanjian will provide pastoral care. She can be reached at 508-696-8225 or av.hanjian@verizon.net

Need Someone to Listen?

In addition to pastoral care being available from Rev. Vicky, your Lay Ministers (Bill Bridwell, Jan Casey, Kevin Longval) are available to lend support to anyone in our USMV community in their time of need by being available to listen and offer comfort.

You can reach them individually by calling: Jan Casey (508-942-3643), Bill Bridwell (774-563-8542), Kevin Longval (781-249-4712) or reach out to uu.society.mv@gmail.com

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