



*Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard*  
*June 8, 2025*  
*Celebrating PRIDE Month &*  
*the Diversity that Makes the World We Live in Possible*  
*Featuring*  
*Toni Kauffman and UU Voices from the Margins*

**Gathering** *Come, Sing a Song with Me* Zach Williams

**Ring the Bell** Bill Bridwell

**Welcome and Community Connections** Rita Brown

**Prelude** Zach Williams

**Indigenous Land Acknowledgment** Dorie Godfrey

**Opening Words** by Sara LaWall Kristy Brooks

Out of the flames we rise  
Out of the flames of fear  
We rise with courage of our deepest convictions  
To stand for justice, inclusion, and peace.

Out of the flames of scrutiny  
We rise to proclaim our faith  
With hope to heal a fractured and hurting world.

Out of the flames of doubt  
We rise with the force of love  
Love that celebrates the mystery, wonder, and awe  
Of all there is and all that is yet to be.

Out of the flames of hate  
We rise with the force of love

Love that celebrates our shared humanity

Out of the flames we rise.

**Chalice Lighting** Eric Brooks

**Hymn #116** *I'm On my Way*

(this hymn is a spirited and uplifting song that is an affirmation of moving toward justice and a better world, with the themes of perseverance, hope and collective action.)

(Please rise as you are able for the singing of the hymn.)

## **Candles of Joy and Sorrow**

Bill Bridwell

### **Our UU Prayer Hymn #123 *Spirit of Life***

(This hymn embodies the core spiritual values that resonate deeply with Unitarian Universalists.) (Please remain seated for the singing of the hymn.)

**Offering** We will take our offering today for the Trevor Project

Bill Bridwell

### **Offertory**

### **Anthem Hymn #1064 *Blue Boat Home***

(this hymn reflects the interconnectedness of life and the wonder of existence)

### **Hymn # 121 *We'll Build a Land***

(This hymn is a powerful call to action, emphasizing themes of justice, hope, and collective responsibility.)

## **Voices from the Margins**

Rita Brown

Ewell Hopkins, Betsy Young Buck, Sarah Richards, Karen Sankey

## **Message *Somewhere Over The Rainbow***

Toni Kauffman

## **A Moment for Silent Meditation**

### **Hymn # 170 *Singing for Our Lives***

(this song by Holly Near has been widely embraced by communities advocating for equality and human rights)

## **Benediction**

Rita Brown

## **The Trevor Project: A Lifeline for LGBTQ Youth**

Empowering Hope, Saving Lives

The Trevor Project stands as a beacon of hope and support, dedicated to addressing the needs of LGBTQ youth facing crises across the United States. Founded in 1998, this nonprofit organization has become synonymous with lifesaving intervention, advocacy, and education, all designed to ensure the mental health and well-being of young people navigating the challenges of identity, acceptance, and belonging. The suicide prevention line for LGBTQ youth. Accessible via phone, text, and chat, the lifeline for suicide prevention provides critical support to individuals in moments of distress, offering a safe space to share their feelings and receive guidance from trained counselors. This service is pivotal in reducing suicide rates among LGBTQ youth, who face disproportionately higher risks of mental health challenges due to stigma, discrimination, and Central to the Trevor Project's mission is the TrevorLifeline, the first-ever 24/7 suicide rejection. Read more on their web site.

Thank you to the Men's Alliance for providing refreshments, service support and flowers for today's service.

## **Pastoral Coverage and Care**

Rev. Vicki Hanjian will provide pastoral care. She can be reached at 508-696-8225 or [av.hanjian@verizon.net](mailto:av.hanjian@verizon.net)

