

# Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard

May 11, 2025

## *"Empathy and the Fall of Civilization"*

*With*

*Rev. Paul Langston-Daley*

"Empathy is not finite, and compassion is not a pizza with eight slices. When you practice empathy and compassion with someone, there is not less of these qualities to go around. There's more. Love is the last thing we need to ration in this world. The refugee in Syria doesn't benefit more if you conserve your kindness only for her and withhold it from your neighbor who's going through a divorce."

—Brené Brown in *Rising Strong*

### **Ring the Bell**

**Welcome and Community Connection**

Liz Loucks

**Prelude**

Jeremy Berlin

**Opening Words** "Come Sit by Our Fire" by Jennifer Kitchen

**Chalice Lighting** by Paul Sprecher

Liz Loucks

**Hymn #188** "Come, Come, Whoever You Are"

Jeremy Berlin

**Candles of Joy and Concern**

Liz Loucks

**Prayer** "A Mother's Day Prayer" by Kathleen Rolenz

**Hymn #123** "Spirit of Life" (seated)

Jeremy Berlin

**Offertory**

Liz Loucks

**Offertory Music**

Jeremy Berlin

**Reading** William Ellery Channing "On Love"

**Sermon** "Empathy and the Fall of Civilization"

Rev. Paul Langston-Daley

**Closing Hymn #6** "Just as Long as I have Breath"

Jeremy Berlin

**Benediction/Blessing** Words of Octavia Butler

Rev. Paul Langston-Daley

Rev. Paul Langston-Daley has accepted a position at the UU church of Olinda Ontario starting August 1st. We will miss his thoughtful, timely sermons and warm heart. We wish him all the best with his new position. Join us after the service to thank him and wish him well.

- The Worship Committee

Thank you to our volunteers, the Men's Alliance for service support, providing refreshments and 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:

Sheila Hanley: sheilahanley4@gmail.com,

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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](mailto: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](mailto:uu.society.mv@gmail.com)

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### **Upcoming events**

Monday, May 12, 3-5 pm: Parish Committee - meet at the Chapel.

Saturday, May 17: Celebration of Life for Doreen Kinsman

Wednesday, May 21 at 5 pm: Membership/Hospitality Committee (Zoom)

Saturday, June 14, 3 - 6 pm: Pride on Island - Pride Parade, Oak Bluffs

