

# Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard

July 20, 2025

*"Where is Love Leading You Next?"*

*with*

*Rev. Rob Hardies*

"Why not be totally changed into Fire?"

- Abbot Joseph to Abbot Lot

**Ring the Bell**

**Welcome and Community Connection**

Linda Moffat

**Prelude**

Silas Berlin

**Chalice Lighting and Call to Worship**

Rev. Rob Hardies

Here in the refuge of this Sabbath home we turn our busy minds toward silence, and our full hearts toward one another.

**This is a holy place in which we gather – the light of the sun, the light of the chalice, met by our own answering light.**

Into this home we bring our hunger for awakening.

**Into this home we bring compassionate hearts and a will toward justice.**

Into this home we bring the courage to walk on after hard losses.

**Into this home we bring our joy, and gratitude for ordinary blessings.**

By our gathering we bless this place.

**In its shelter we know ourselves blessed.**

Come let us worship together!

Adapted from Kathleen McTigue

**Hymn #38** *Morning Has Broken*

**Candles of Joy and Concern**

Linda Moffat

**Prayer**

Rev. Rob Hardies

**Hymn#123** *Spirit of Life*

**Reading** *Healing Time*, by Pesha Gertler

**Offering**

Linda Moffat

**Offertory Music**

Silas Berlin

**Homily** *Where is Love Leading You Next?*

Rev. Rob Hardies

**Hymn #131** *Love Will Guide Us*

**Benediction**

Rev. Rob Hardies

**Postlude**

Silas Berlin

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Rev. Rob Hardies served as minister at UUSMV from 2021-2022, and has preached here often before and since then. Rob is an experienced preacher, teacher, counselor and activist who currently serves as Lead Minister of The First Parish in Cambridge, Massachusetts. From 2001 to 2020, he was Senior Minister of All Souls Church, Unitarian in Washington, DC, a large, dynamic multiracial congregation. During his ministry at All Souls, Rob helped found and lead two award-winning justice organizations that advocated for marriage equality and for voting rights. Before entering the ministry Rob worked for Habitat for Humanity, and served as a human rights worker with indigenous communities in Guatemala. In addition to his ministry at First Parish, Rob serves as The Unitarian Universalist Chaplain at Harvard University, where he also teaches at the Divinity School. Rob divides his time between Cambridge, MA and Washington, DC, where he lives with his husband, Chris, and 13-year-old son, Nico.

### **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 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)

