

*Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard*  
*June 22, 2025*  
*"Tears Flowing, Community Growing:  
Exploring What May Arise When the Heart Breaks Open"*  
*with*  
*Rev. Jill De La Hunt*

**Gathering** Jeremy Berlin

**Ringing the Bell**

**Welcome and Community Connections** Bill Bridwell

**Prelude** Jeremy Berlin

**Indigenous Land Acknowledgement** Peter Meleney

**Opening Words and Chalice Lighting** Bill Bridwell

*The Healing in Freedom* by Rev. Gretchen Haley

**Hymn #354** *We Laugh, We Cry* (verses 1 & 4) Jeremy Berlin

**Candles of Joy and Concern** Bill Bridwell

**Reading Work song, part 2: a vision** Rita Brown

If we will have the wisdom to survive,  
To stand like slow-growing trees  
On a ruined place, renewing, enriching it,  
If we will make our seasons welcome here,  
Asking not too much of earth or heaven,  
then a long time after we are dead  
The lives our lives prepare will live  
Here, their houses strongly placed  
Upon the valley sides, fields and gardens  
Rich in the windows. The river will run  
Clear, as we will never know it,  
And over it, birdsong like a canopy.  
On the levels of the hills will be  
Green meadows, stock bells in noon shade.  
On the steeps where greed and ignorance cut down  
The old forest, an old forest will stand,  
Its rich leaf-fall drifting on its roots.  
The veins of forgotten springs will have opened.  
Families will be singing in the fields.

In their voices they will hear a music  
Risen out of the ground. They will take  
Nothing from the ground they will not return,  
Whatever the grief at parting. Memory,  
Native to this valley, will spread over it  
Like a grove, and memory will grow  
into legend, legend into song, song  
into sacrament. The abundance of this place,  
the songs of its people and its birds,  
will be health and wisdom and indwelling  
light. This is no paradisaal dream.  
Its hardship is its possibility.

- Wendell Berry

### **Offering**

Bill Bridwell

**Hymn #1009** *Meditation on Breathing*

Jeremy Berlin

**Message** "Tears Flowing, Community Growing:

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**Moment of Meditation**

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**Hymn #1021** *Lean on Me* (verses 1 & 3)

Jeremy Berlin

**Closing Words**

Rev. Jill De La Hunt

Rev. Jill De La Hunt has been practicing Zen for several decades and is an ordained lay Buddhist chaplain. She serves as a social worker, grief counselor, and spiritual care counselor with Hospice and Palliative Care of MV, and as Practice Guide for Island Insight Meditation Community. Jill is grateful to be a member of community groups dedicated to working toward racial and social justice, equity and dignity.

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### **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)

