

Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard

August 3, 2025

"The Prophets of Fear and The Gospel of Love"

with

Rev. Rob Hardies

"Twas grace that taught my heart to fear; and grace my fears relieved."

- Amazing Grace

Ring the Bell

Welcome and Community Connection

Linda Moffat

Prelude

Tanya Stum

Chalice Lighting and Call to Worship

Rev. Rob Hardies

With faith to face our challenges.

With love that casts out fear

With courage to trust tomorrow.

We receive this day as the gift that it is.

Come, let us worship together!

Adapted from Rev. Gary Kowalski

Hymn #18 *What Wondrous Love*

Candles of Joy and Concern

Linda Moffat

Prayer

Rev. Rob Hardies

Hymn #123 *Spirit of Life*

Reading

Offering

Linda Moffat

Offertory Music

Tanya Stum

Homily *The Prophets of Fear and the Gospel of Love*

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Hymn #95 *There is More Love Somewhere*

Benediction

Rev. Rob Hardies

Postlude

Tanya Stum

Thank you to Bill Bridwell, Karen Sankey, and Judy Crawford for service support and Alicia Lesnikowska for flowers for our service.

Join us after the service!

Come Celebrate Rev. Rob Hardies' Final Sunday with Us!

Join us after the service on **Sunday, August 3** for a potluck lunch and yard games, hosted by the Membership/Hospitality Committee.

Please bring a dish to share—drinks, plates, cups, and utensils will be provided. After lunch, enjoy some fun and friendly competition with corn hole and bocce (we'll have one or two sets of each)!

This will also be Rev. Rob Hardies' final Sunday preaching with us this summer, so don't miss the chance to thank him and say goodbye.

We look forward to seeing you there for good food, games, and fellowship!

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

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

