

Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard

September 7, 2025

Water Communion

led by Worship Committee Member

Mary Jane Aldrich-Moodie

"A solitary tear slides down the cheek
A tear of abiding joy,
a tear of unending grief
We see, and share the depth of feeling at its true core
Water makes its mark."
– Rev Matt Alspaugh

Ring the Bell

Welcome and Community Connection

Mimi Davisson

Prelude

Jeremy Berlin

Opening Words and Chalice Lighting

Mary Jane Aldrich-Moodie

Hymn #1007 "There's a River Flowin' in My Soul"

Jeremy Berlin

Water Communion Introduction

Mary Jane Aldrich-Moodie

Water Communion, Part 1: Drought

Time for All Ages

Mary Jane Aldrich-Moodie

"The Water Lady" by Alice McGinty

Time for Sharing

Musical Interlude

Jeremy Berlin

Water Communion, Part 2: The Waters That Carry Us

Reading "At the River Clarion" by Mary Oliver

Christine Ferrone

Time for Sharing

Offering
Offertory Music

Chris Seidel
Jeremy Berlin

Water Communion, Part 3: The Water of Storms

Reading "First Lesson" by Philip Booth

Chris Seidel

Time for Sharing

Musical Interlude

Jeremy Berlin

Water Communion, Part 4: The Waters that Sustain Us

Reading "Drops of God" by Tess Baumberger

Jennifer Knight

Time of Sharing

Hymn #1046 "Shall We Gather at the River"

Jeremy Berlin

Benediction (Stand and hold hands)

Mary Jane Aldrich-Moodie

Thank you to Bill Bridwell, Jenifer Parkinson, & Liz Loucks for service support, Lucinda Sheldon for flowers and the Parish Committee for refreshments.

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

Events

Sunday, September 7, 11:30 am (after the service): Membership Meeting, Stevens Chapel
Monday, September 8, 3 pm: Parish Committee, meet in Stevens Chapel
Tuesday, September 9, 4:45 pm: Worship Committee, meet on Zoom
Monday, September 15 at 4:00 pm: Membership and Hospitality Committee at the Chapel
Saturday, September 20, 10 am: Island Insight Meditation at Stevens Chapel - All are Welcome!



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