

Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard

October 5, 2025

"The Invitation"

with

Reverend Tom Schade

"Beloved community is formed not by the eradication of difference but by its affirmation, by each of us claiming the identities and cultural legacies that shape who we are and how we live in the world." bell hooks

Ring the Bell

Welcome and Community Connection

Liz Loucks

Prelude

Jeremy Berlin

Chalice Lighting

Rev. Tom Schade

In Unison -

"We light this chalice, to be a candle in a window,
to signal to all who seek a welcoming circle.
Here is a way station on a difficult journey,
Here is home. Here you are welcome."

Opening Words

Rev. Tom Schade

Hymn #1051 "We Are"

Candles of Joy and Concern

Karen Sankey

Prayer

Rev. Tom Schade

Hymn #123 "Spirit of Life"

2026 Pledge Campaign Kickoff

Rita Brown

Pledge Testimonial

Joni Merry

Offering

Liz Loucks

Offertory Music

Jeremy Berlin

Reading "We Hold Hope Close" by Rev. Theresa I. Soto

Karen Sankey

Closing Hymn #1018 "Come and Go With Me"

Benediction

Rev. Tom Schade is a retired Unitarian Universalist minister who served the First Unitarian Church of Worcester from 1999 to 2013. He has also served in leadership positions for the UU Christian Fellowship, the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association, and the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations, including one term on the UUA board from 2019 to 2022. He lives in Plymouth, MA, with his spouse, Sue, and two little dogs. He is now a member of the First Parish of Duxbury, Unitarian Universalist.

Thank you to Bill Bridwell, Peter Meleney and Karen Sankey for service support and Sue Streeter 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

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Coming Events

Sunday, October 5, after service: Memorial Garden Meeting
Monday, October 6, 10:30 AM – Noon: Finance Committee (Stevens Chapel)
Tuesday, October 7, 3:30 - 5 PM: Project Connect, Stevens Chapel (for those who have registered in advance)
Monday, October 13 at 3 PM: Parish Committee
Tuesday, October 14 at 4:30 PM: Worship Committee (Zoom)
Saturday, October 18, 1:30 - 3 PM: No Kings 2 Rally -Five Corners Vineyard Haven
Monday, October 20 at 4 PM: Membership/Hospitality Committee (Stevens Chapel)
Saturday, November 1 at 3:30 PM: Spiritual Book Club (Zoom)
Sunday, November 9, after the service: Budget Town Hall

