

# Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard

September 21, 2025

*"Belonging -- a Birthright"*

*with*

*Reverend Vicky Hanjian*

*Be Longing*

<i>To belong</i>	<i>To belong</i>
<i>Is</i>	<i>Is</i>
<i>To be longing</i>	<i>To be longing</i>
<i>For a space to be held</i>	<i>For wholeness</i>
<i>And that will hold</i>	<i>Of the beloved</i>
<i>Friend, stranger, neighbor, other</i>	<i>Of all</i>
<i>For silences</i>	<i>Who belong</i>
<i>Broken by songs of the silenced</i>	<i>and are longing.</i>
<i>For time</i>	
<i>That does not stretch</i>	<i>- Chad Myers</i>
<i>But encircles</i>	

Ring of The Bell

Welcome and Community Connections

Mimi Davisson

Opening Words

Rev. Vicky Hanjian

Prelude

Jeremy Berlin

Chalice Lighting

Joan Merry

Hymn #347 "Gather The Spirit"

A Story for All Ages "Keeper of Secrets" (Source: reported by Catherine Hammonds)

Candles of Joy and Concern

Hymn Response #123 (while seated) "Spirit of Life"

Offering

**Reading** "Reflection on Belonging" by Quanita

**Sermon** "Belonging - - a Birthright"

Rev. Vicky Hanjian

**Closing Hymn #354** "We Laugh, We Cry" (verses 1 & 4)

**Benediction/Blessing**

Rev. Vicky Hanjian

Thank you to Stephen & Nancy Cofer-Shabica, Eric & Kristy Brooks and Karen Sankey for service support, Joni Merry for refreshments and Liz Loucks for flowers for today's service.

### **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)

Scan this code to make a secure donation to UUSMV. Your support is greatly appreciated.



### **Coming Events**

**Friday, September 19 at 3pm:** Nominating Committee Meeting at the Chapel

**Saturday, September 20, 9 am:** 23rd Annual NAACP George V. Tankard Jr. Memorial 5K

**Saturday, September 20, 10 am:** Island Insight Meditation at Stevens Chapel - All are Welcome!

**Sunday, September 21, from 6 - 9 pm:** CUUPS Equinox Celebration & Bonfire (details below)

**Saturday, September 27, 2pm:** A Walk for Children, Owen Park (details below)

**Friday, October 3 at 2 pm:** Sewcial Knitwork (at Laura Beebe's home)

**Monday, October 13 at 3 pm:** Parish Committee

**Tuesday, October 14 at 4:30 pm:** Worship Committee

**Saturday, October 18:** No Kings 2 Rally (details to follow)

**Sunday, November 9, after the service:** Budget Town Hall

