

Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard

November 9, 2025

*"Compassion and Connection;
Caring For and About Our Island Neighbors in Need"*
with
Lisa Belcastro

"A kind gesture can reach a wound that only compassion can heal."
—Steve Maraboli

Ring the Bell

Welcome and Community Connection

Joni Merry and Jan Pogue

Prelude

Andy Herr

Opening Words

Jan Pogue

Chalice Lighting

Jan Pogue

Hymn #346 "Come Sing a Song with Me" Verses 1-3

Candles of Joy and Concern

Jan Pogue

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

Prayer

Offering Words

Jan Pogue

Offertory

Andy Herr

Prayer and Introduction

Jan Pogue

Message "Compassion and Connection"

Lisa Belcastro

Closing Words

Joni Merry

Closing Hymn #1021 "Lean On Me" Verses 1-3

Benediction

Jan Pogue

Lisa Belcastro is the director of the Harbor Homes Winter Shelter. She's been a part of the Island's homeless shelter since it began eleven years ago as Houses of Grace. Lisa also served as the regional coordinator for the National Alliance of Mental Illness for five years and continues to volunteer for NAMI, facilitating monthly support groups and leading mental health courses. Lisa loves the Island and volunteers with numerous Island non-profits and school groups. Her lifechanging experience with the Venezuelan migrants created a new passion for policy changes for immigrants.

Lisa loves fishing and gardening and being outside with family and friends on MV. She has run a marathon in all 50 states and is hoping to hike El Camino de Santiago. When September rolls around, you can find Lisa fishing all thirty-five days of the Martha's Vineyard Striped Bass and Bluefish Derby.

Thank you to the Men's Alliance for service support, refreshments and 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

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

Announcements During Sunday Services

To help our services run smoothly, we ask members to follow these guidelines for announcements:

- Whenever possible, include your news in the **weekly email newsletter**.
- If it needs to be shared during the service, **contact the worship host in advance** (listed in the Order of Service). The host will make the announcement for you.
- You may also **write your message clearly (large enough to read easily)** and give it to the host before the service.

Thank you for helping us keep our worship time organized, welcoming, and focused!
— The Worship Committee

Upcoming Events

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

Sunday, November 9, 7 - 8:30 p.m.: Ballroom Dancing

Monday, November 10, 3 p.m.: Parish Committee

Saturday, November 15, 10 a.m.: Island Insight Meditation, all are welcome!

Monday, November 17th 11:30a.m.: Lunch Bunch at the Black Dog Cafe on State Road, across from SBS

