

Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard

October 19, 2025

"The Well of Compassion -- How Deep?"

with

Reverend Vicky Hanjian

"Compassion is not a relationship between the healer and the wounded. It's a relationship between equals. Only when we know our own darkness well can we be present with the darkness of others. Compassion becomes real when we recognize our shared humanity."

- Pema Chödrön in The Places That Scare You: A Guide to Fearlessness in Difficult Times

Ringling of The Bell

Welcome and Community Connections

Bill Bridwell

Opening Words "To care without drowning..."

Rev. Vicky Hanjian

by Michelle Collins

Prelude

Jeremy Berlin

Chalice Lighting "The wisdom to know..."

Bill Bridwell

Rev. Michelle Collins

Hymn #95 "There is more love somewhere..."

Candles of Joy and Concern

Bill Bridwell

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

2026 Pledge Campaign Kickoff

Pledge Testimonial

Sarah Richards

Offering

Bill Bridwell

Reading "The Parable of the Angel With The Torch and Pail"

Sermon "The Well of Compassion - - How Deep?" Rev. Vicky Hanjian

Closing Hymn #34 "Though I may speak..."

Benediction/Blessing

Rev. Vicky Hanjian

Thank you to Bill Bridwell, Lucinda Sheldon and Karen Sankey for service support, Sue Streeter for refreshments 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

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Coming Events

Monday, October 20 at 4 PM: Membership/Hospitality Committee (Stevens Chapel)

Tuesday, October 21, 3:30 - 5 p.m.: Project Connect, Stevens Chapel (for those who have registered in advance)

Thursday, October 23, 5:00–6:30 p.m.: Soup and "Speed Meeting" Night at the Chapel

Sunday, October 26, after our service: "Nuts & Bolts of UUSMV" session at the Chapel

Monday, October 27, 11:30 a.m.: Lunch Bunch (meeting at Black Dog Cafe, State Road)

Saturday, November 1 at 3:30 PM: Spiritual Book Club (Zoom)

Tuesday, November 4, 4:30 pm: Worship Committee (Zoom)

Wednesday, November 5, 4:30 - 6 pm: Finance Committee (Stevens Chapel)

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

