

Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard

December 7, 2025

"Faith Made Strong: A Centering Worship Service" *Featuring Rev. Mariela Pérez-Simons, and Rev. Jules Taylor* *Courtesy of UUA Worship Lab*

*Let this be a house of peace,
Of nature and humanity,
of sorrow and elation,
Let this be our house,
A haven for the healing,
An open room for question,
and our inspiration.
- Kenneth L. Patton*

Ring the Bell

Welcome and Community Connection

Liz Loucks

Prelude

Allen Morrison

Chalice Lighting words by Reverend Orlanda Brugnola

Liz Loucks

Hymn #1 "May Nothing Evil Cross this Door"

Reflection "Faith Made Strong,"

Rev. Jules Taylor

Candles of Joy and Concern

Bill Bridwell

Hymn #123 Spirit of Life (remain seated)

Responsive Reading #521

Liz Loucks

Offering

Offertory

Allen Morrison

Reading "How to Survive the Apocalypse," written by Sean Dennison

Centering Message "Refuge,"

Rev. Mariela Perez-Simons

Closing Hymn #118 "This Little Light of Mine"

Benediction

Rev. Jules Taylor

Postlude

Allen Morrison

Thank you to Bill Bridwell and Jenifer Parkinson for service support, Bill Bridwell for refreshments and Joni Merry 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

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

Sunday, December 14 at 6 p.m. Annual Candlelight Service



Join us for our cherished Candlelight Service. Rev. Rob Hardies will lead the service this year, with music provided by Peter Boak and a choir of members and friends.

To help us create a festive table, we invite those with last names A–M to bring an appetizer or finger food, and those with last names N–Z to bring a dessert. Drinks will be provided.

Following the service, we will gather in the Chapel for an appetizers-and-desserts potluck. Thank you for helping make this beloved holiday tradition warm and welcoming for all!

Red Stocking Fund

This year, UUSMV is delighted to sponsor two children through the Red Stocking Fund. If you'd like to contribute, please bring a check made payable to "UUSMV" with "Red Stocking" in the memo, or donate online by credit card and note that your gift is for Red Stocking. We will be collecting checks and cash during worship services over the next several weeks. Thank you for helping make the season brighter for Island children.



Ornament Painting Party & Cookie Exchange — December 9, 5:30–7 p.m.

It's time to get in the spirit of the holidays! Join us at Stevens Chapel for an ornament painting party filled with festive fun. All supplies will be provided, along with holiday refreshments.

This year, we're adding a **cookie exchange**! If you'd like to participate, feel free (but not required) to bring **two dozen cookies** to share.

Everyone is welcome—grandkids included! Come create, connect, and celebrate the season with us.

