

Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard

November 16, 2025

“Gratitude - A Spark for Social Justice”

with

Reverend Vicky Hanjian

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life.
It turns what we have into enough and more.
It turns denial into acceptance,
Chaos to order, confusion to clarity.
It can turn a meal into a feast,
A house into a home,
A stranger into a friend.
Gratitude makes sense of our past,
Brings peace for today,
And creates a vision for tomorrow.
-John O'Donohue

Ringling of The Bell

Welcome and Community Connections

Sheila Hanley

Opening Words “Blessings are real, and ours to claim...” by Rev. Dr. Rebekah Savage

Prelude

Jeremy Berlin

Chalice Lighting by Katie Sivani Gelfand

Hymn #360 "Here We are Gathered" (verses 1-3)

Candles of Joy and Concern

Sheila Hanley

Hymn Response #123 “Spirit of Life” (while seated)

Offering

Offertory

Jeremy Berlin

Reading “Don’t Hesitate” by Mary Oliver

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Sermon “Gratitude - A Spark for Social Justice”

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Closing Hymn #21 “For The Beauty of The Earth” (verses 1-3)

Closing Prayer Buddhist Daily Prayer (together)

With gratitude we remember the people, animals, plants, insects, creatures of the sky and sea, air and

water, fire and earth, all whose joyful exertion blesses our lives every day.

With gratitude we remember the care and labor of a thousand generations of elders and ancestors who came before us.

We offer gratitude for the safety and wellbeing we have been given.

We offer gratitude for the blessing of this earth we have been given.

We offer gratitude for the measure of health we have been given.

We offer gratitude for the family and friends we have been given.

We offer gratitude for the community we have been given.

We offer gratitude for the teachings and lessons we have been given.

We offer gratitude for the life we have been given.

Benediction/Blessing -

Rev. Vicky Hanjian

Thank you to Merry Carmel, Karen Sankey & Jenifer Parkinson for service support, Joni Merry 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

Family 2 Family



Dear UUSMV members, please consider giving a check to support Thanksgiving meals for those in need. We will collect checks **Sunday, November 16 and 23** and deliver them to IGI (Island Grown Initiative). Please make out your check to *Island Grown Initiative* and put *Family 2 Family* in the memo line. Cash is also fine. Questions? Direct them to Rita Brown.



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

