

Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard

February 1, 2026

"Bearing Witness in a Time That Calls for Change"

*"Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor, Your Huddled Masses Yearning to Breath Free...
Emma Lazarus (from New Colossus, Statue of Liberty)*

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Community Connections

Linda Moffat

Opening Words

Prelude and Slideshow with music by Jeremy Berlin

Reflection Speech by Barak Obama

Roger Moffat

Chalice Lighting

Jan Pogue

Hymn "Blowin in the Wind" by Bob Dylan

Read by Tenley Brooks

How many roads must a man walk
down
Before you call him a man?
How many seas must a white dove sail
Before she sleeps in the sand?
Yes, and how many times must the
cannonballs fly
Before they're forever banned?
The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the
wind
The answer is blowin' in the wind
Yes, and how many years must a
mountain exist
Before it is washed to the sea?
Yes, and how many years can some
people exist
Before they're allowed to be free?

Yes, and how many times can a man turn his
head
And pretend that he just doesn't see?
The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind
The answer is blowin' in the wind
Yes, and how many times must a man look up
Before he can see the sky?
Yes, and how many ears must one man have
Before he can hear people cry?
Yes, and how many deaths will it take 'til he
knows
That too many people have died?
The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind
The answer is blowin' in the wind

Candles of Joy and Concern

Linda Moffat

Music Video "Immigration Blues" by Chris Rea

Offering

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Reading Statement by Joe Biden

Jan Pogue

Hymn "This Land is My Land" by Woody Guthrie

Tenley Brooks

This land is your land, this land is my land
From California to the New York island,
From the redwood forest to the Gulf
Stream waters;
This land was made for you and me.

As I was walking that ribbon of highway
I saw above me that endless skyway;
I saw below me that golden valley;
This land was made for you and me.

I've roamed and rambled and I followed
my footsteps
To the sparkling sands of her diamond
deserts;
And all around me a voice was sounding;
This land was made for you and me.

When the sun came shining, and I was
strolling,

And the wheat fields waving and the dust
clouds rolling,
As the fog was lifting a voice was chanting:
This land was made for you and me.

As I went walking I saw a sign there,
And on the sign it said "No Trespassing."
But on the other side it didn't say nothing.
That side was made for you and me.

In the shadow of the steeple I saw my
people,
By the relief office I seen my people;
As they stood there hungry, I stood there
asking
Is this land made for you and me?

Nobody living can ever stop me,
As I go walking that freedom highway;
Nobody living can ever make me turn back
This land was made for you and me.

Concluding Music "Streets Of Minneapolis" by Bruce Springsteen

Benediction

Pastoral Coverage and Care

Rev. Vicki Hanjian will provide pastoral care. She can be reached at 508-696-8225 or av.hanjian@verizon.net

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