

Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard



January 18, 2026

“Resistance is futile????”

with

Reverend Vicky Hanjian

As resisters, we have to be especially nonviolent toward everyone we meet every day for the rest of our lives. Contrary to the spirituality of empire and occupation, we love everyone as a sister and brother. We need to be attentive to our personal nonviolence, to be as loving and compassionate as we can.

To the extent that we can do this, the days of occupation and empire are not only numbered; a new world is being born. - John Dear

Gathering Music

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Community Connections

Joni Merry

Prelude

Jeremy Berlin

Opening Words and Chalice Lighting

Joni Merry

by Jeremiah Wolfe and Par Uribe-Lichty

Hymn #153 “Oh, I Woke Up this Morning”

Bill Bridwell

Candles of Joy and Concern

Rev. Vicky Hanjian

Pastoral Prayer

Joni Merry

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

Offering

Joni Merry

Offertory

Jeremy Berlin

Reading Exodus 1:8 - 2:10

Sermon “Resistance is futile????”

Rev. Vicky Hanjian

Closing Hymn #169 "We Shall Overcome"

Postlude

Jeremy Berlin

Benediction (Please stand as you are able and reach for the hand of someone near you.)

Thank you to Bill Bridwell, Jenifer Parkinson and Liz Loucks for service support and Liz Loucks 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. Vicki, 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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Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 25 after our service.

Please join us for the annual meeting to celebrate our accomplishments, review the year and vote for next year's slate, budget and memorial garden project.

Coming Events

Saturday, January 17, 10 a.m.: Island Insight Meditation, all are welcome!

Saturday, January 17, 5 - 7 p.m.: CUUPS New Year/New Moon Divination night

Sunday, January 18, after service: Memorial Garden Proposal Meeting

Thursday, January 22, 5 - 6:30 p.m.: Soup and Something, Stevens Chapel

Saturday, January 24, 3:30 - 5 p.m.: Spiritual Book Club, Zoom

Sunday, January 25, after service: Annual Meeting at Stevens Chapel and on Zoom

Tuesday, February 3, 4:30 pm: Worship Committee (Zoom)

