

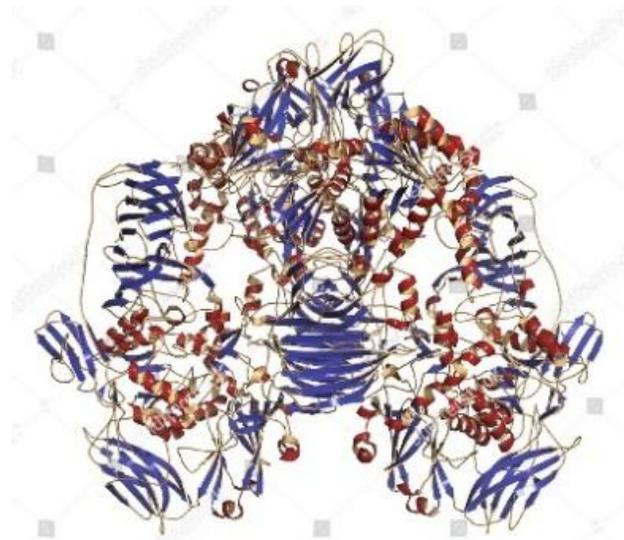
Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard

March 1, 2026

“Emergence Through Constraint: How Life, Ecosystems, Cultures, and Spiritual Experience Get Cobbled Together”

with

Dr. Ursula Goodenough



“Science is not only compatible with spirituality; it is a profound source of spirituality. When we recognize our place in an immensity of light-years and in the passage of ages, when we grasp the intricacy, beauty, and subtlety of life, then that soaring feeling, that sense of elation and humility combined, is surely spiritual”. Carl Sagan

Ring the Bell

Welcome and Community Connection

Liz Loucks

Prelude

Jeremy Berlin

Chalice Lighting A Wild and Holy Vision By Shawn Gibson

Liz Loucks

Opening Words “Bearers of Hope & Resistance” by Rev. Michelle Collins

Hymn #360 “Here We Have Gathered”

Jeremy Berlin

Candles of Joy and Concern

Liz Loucks

Hymn Response #123 "Spirit of Life" while seated

Prayer excerpt from "Seeking That Which Unites Us" by Rev. Sara Eileen LaWall

Hymn #370 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" Jeremy Berlin

Offering Liz Loucks

Offertory Jeremy Berlin

Unison Reading "The Mother Nature's Prayer"

Our Mother, who art within us,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy ways evolve,
Thy will calls forth
This earth that is now our heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,

And fill us with tenderness
As we repair our trespasses.
And lead us forth into communion,
And deliver us from dominion,
For thine is our wellspring
And our grounding and our glory
Forever and ever, amen.

-- Ursula Goodenough
www.sacreddepthsofnature.com

Homily "Emergence Through Resistance: How Life, Ecosystems, Cultures, and
Spiritual Experience Get Cobbled Together" Ursula Goodenough

Hymn #1018 "Come and Go with me (to that land)" Jeremy Berlin

Benediction/Blessing Ursula Goodenough

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Ursula Goodenough is Professor of Biology Emerita at Washington University who lives in Chilmark and is a member of the UUSMV. She taught cell biology and molecular evolution and engaged in research that focused on Chlamydomonas, a green soil alga. Her honors include election to membership in the National Academy of Sciences. She and others are developing what we call a religious naturalist orientation, and she co-founded the Religious Naturalist Association (www.religious-naturalist-association.org)

A new edition of her book (www.sacreddepthsofnature.com), The Sacred Depths of Nature, describes her understandings of this orientation. She has five children and ten grandchildren.

