

# Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard



February 15, 2026

*Nurturing "Islands of Sanity"*

*with*

*Reverend Vicky Hanjian*

*"(The) message is innately human: No matter how hard the journey might be, we begin again, because that's our nature, and where hope comes from - that this time it will be different."*

- Brooke Hardman Ditchfield in the MV Times February 5, 2026

## Ringling of Bell

**Welcome and Community Connections**

Bill Bridwell

**Prelude**

Jeremy Berlin

**Opening Words** "The Soft, Stubborn Practice" Rev. Michelle Collins

**Chalice Lighting** "The Flame Arising from Us" by Rev. Scott Tayler

Ed Pachico

**Hymn #121** "We'll Build A Land"

**Candles of Joy and Concern**

Bill Bridwell

**Pastoral Prayer**

Rev. Vicky Hanjian

**Hymn #123** "Spirit of Life"

**Offering and Offertory**

**Reading** "The Farmer and the Donkey" (from the folk wisdom tradition)

**Sermon** Nurturing "Islands of Sanity"

Rev. Vicky Hanjian

**Closing Hymn # 354** "We Laugh, We Cry" (1st and 4th stanzas only)

**Benediction**

Rev. Vicky Hanjian

**Music** "Hold on" by Heidi Wilson

**Postlude**

Jeremy Berlin

Thank you to Joan Pogue for service support and 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](mailto: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](mailto:uu.society.mv@gmail.com)

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### **Annual Meeting**

**Sunday, February 22nd 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**

Tuesday, February 17, 5 - 7 p.m.: Tarot Exploration with CUUPS MV @ Stevens Chapel

Saturday, February 21, 10 a.m.: Island Insight Meditation, all are welcome!

Sunday, February 22, after service: Annual Meeting at Stevens Chapel and on Zoom

Wednesday, February 25, 4:30 - 5:30 pm: UUniversal Justice Follow Up Session (Zoom)

Friday, February 27, 3 p.m.: Membership and Hospitality Meeting (Zoom link)

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

Monday, March 9, 3 - 5 p.m.: Parish Committee (In-person at Stevens Chapel. Zoom available.)

Friday, March 6, 2 pm: Sewcial Action Knitwork

