

Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard

March 22, 2026

"Showing Up for Each Other"

*Creating Community Through the Practice of
Gratitude, Embracing Curiosity and Honoring Our Stories*

with

Polly Simpkins



Ringling of Bell

Welcome and Community Connection

Bill Bridwell

Prelude *Our Vineyard Home*

Peter Halperin

Opening Prayer and Chalice Lighting

Polly Simpkins

Hymn #131 *Love Will Guide Us*

Candles of Joy and Concern

Bill Bridwell

Reading #1 *Otherwise* by Jane Kenyon

Mark Halperin

Hymn #123 *Spirit of Life*

Offering

Bill Bridwell

Offertory

Reading #2 *The People* by Hannah Hasan

Norah Van Riper

Sermon

Polly Simpkins

Reading #3 *A Blessing of Solitude* by John O'Donohue

Lucinda Sheldon

Benediction

Polly Simpkins

Closing Hymn #1021 *Lean On Me*

Everyone

Polly Simpkins is an interfaith celebrant, ceremonialist and death doula. Polly is the founder of The Cup of Karma Project through which she hosts storytelling events on Martha's Vineyard and beyond, honoring the stories and people who inspire our lives. Polly is a fourth generation islander, DJ at MVYRadio and believes in showing up for those we love and our community in our own unique way. Find out more about Polly and her community outreach at www.acupofkarma.com and www.petal-sky.com

Thank you to Bill Bridwell, Judy Crawford and Sue Streeter for service support and Joni Merry for refreshments for today's service. Our bell ringer is Corey Gitlin.

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



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Upcoming Events

Wednesday, March 25, 2 p.m.: Membership and Hospitality Meeting Zoom
Thursday, March 26, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.: UUniversal Justice & Community Action Zoom
Friday, March 27 at 3:00 p.m.: Make Signs at Stevens Chapel (details below)
Saturday, March 28, 1:30 - 3 p.m.: No Kings Rally at 5 Corners Vineyard Haven
Sunday, March 29, 4 p.m.: Dancing & Music with Barbara & Jessie, Jaywalkers duo
Tuesday, April 7, 4:30 p.m.: Worship Committee (Zoom)
Tuesday, April 17, 5 - 7 p.m.: Tarot Exploration with CUUPS MV at Stevens Chapel

