

Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard

March 8, 2026



“A Gathering of Sailors: Daniel Waldo Stevens and Unitarianism of Martha’s Vineyard”

with

Bow Van Riper

*“We are like islands in the sea, separate on the surface
but connected in the deep.” –William James*

Ringing the Bell

Welcome and Community Connection

Jan Pogue

Prelude

Jeremy Berlin

Opening Words

Jan Pogue

“The Prophetic Witness of Place” From Michael Anthony Howard,
Minister of Faith in Action, Ohio

Chalice Lighting and Reading

Jan Pogue & Roger Moffat

First hymn “Rolling Home” (a traditional sea shanty)

Mark Alan Lovewell & Molly Conole

Candles of Joys and Concerns

Marquetta Drakes

Offering

Jan Pogue

Offertory

Jeremy Berlin

Introduction of Speaker

Roger Moffat

Homily

Bow Van Riper

Closing Hymn “A Waterman’s Journey” (words and music by Molly Conole)

Mark Alan Lovewell & Molly Conole

Benediction

Jan Pogue

Thank you to Men's Alliance for service support and refreshments for today's service.

A third-generation washashore, A. Bowdoin "Bow" Van Riper first came to the Vineyard at the age of 3 months and, like his parents and grandparents, returned summer after summer until he figured out how not to have to leave. A historian for 40 years, he is the author, editor, or co-editor of 22 books and more than 200 articles. He is currently Research Librarian at the Martha's Vineyard Museum and lives in a house overlooking Vineyard Haven harbor where (almost) nothing of historical significance ever happened.

Mark Alan Lovewell and Molly Conole are well known Island singers who specialize in songs about the sea.

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

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

Friday, March 6, 2 pm: Sewcial Action Knitwork (meet at Laura Beebe's home)

Sunday, March 15 4 pm: Dancing & Music with Jessie & Rick, Blue Yonder due

Tuesday, March 18, 5 - 7 p.m.: Tarot Exploration with CUUPS MV @ Stevens Chapel

Wednesday, March 25, 2 p.m.: Membership and Hospitality Meeting Zoom

Saturday, March 28, 1:30 - 3 p.m.: No Kings Rally at 5 Corners Vineyard Haven

Sunday, March 29, 4 pm: Dancing & Music with Barbara & Jessie, Jaywalkers duo

