

Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard



April 19, 2026

“On the Edge of The Wilderness”

with

Rev. Vicky Hanjian

“What are we holding onto, Sam?”

“That there’s some good in this world, Mr. Frodo... and it’s worth fighting for.”

- J.R.R. Tolkien (The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers)

Ringling of Bell

Welcome and Community Connections

Joni Merry

Prelude

Wes Nagy

Opening Words - By Marianne Hachten Cotter

Joni Merry

Chalice Lighting “The Door Swung Wide” - Rev. Scott Tayler

Hymn #298 “Wake Thou My Senses”

Candles of Joy and Concern

Pastoral Prayer by Lyn Cox

Rev. Vicky Hanjian

Hymn #123 “Spirit of Life”(please remain seated)

Offering and Offertory

Reading Exodus 13:20-22

Sermon “On the Edge of The Wilderness”

Rev. Vicky Hanjian

“To Dream The Impossible Dream” Rich Leigh/Joseph Joe Darion sung by Josh Groban

To dream the impossible dream
To fight the unbeatable foe
To bear with unbearable sorrow
To run where the brave dare not go
To right the unrightable wrong
To love pure and chaste from afar
To try when your arms are too weary
To reach the unreachable star
This is my quest, to follow that star
No matter how hopeless, no matter how far
To fight for the right without question or pause
To be willing to march into hell for a heavenly cause
And I know if I'll only be true
To this glorious quest
That my heart will lie peaceful and calm
When I'm laid to my rest
And the world will be better for this
That one man scorned and covered with scars
Still strove with his last ounce of courage
To reach the unreachable star.

Closing Words

Rev. Vicky Hanjian

Closing Hymn #162 “Gonna Lay Down My Sword and Shield”

Postlude

Wes Nagy

Sending Forth (Please join hands with those around you)

Rev. Vicky Hanjian

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

