

Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard

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"An Unfinished Story" to Be Continued..."

with

Rev. Vicky Hanjian

*"Easter is the promise that the heart shall be reborn as hatred dies and love is given birth.
It is the promise that the mind shall be renewed as ignorance is lost to newfound truth.
It is the promise to everyone who journeys from the death of prejudice to the life of understanding."
-Eugene B. Navias*

Ring the Bell

Welcome and Community Connections

Liz Loucks

Prelude

Jeremy Berlin

Opening Words by Rev. Dick Gilbert

Peter Palches

A tomb is no place to stay,
Be it a cave in the Judean hills
Or the dark cave of the spirit.
A tomb is no place to stay
When the fresh grass rolls away the stone of winter cold,
And valiant flowers burst their way to warmth and light.
A tomb is no place to stay
When each morning announces our reprieve,
And we know we are granted yet another day of living.
A tomb is no place to stay
When life laughs a welcome
To hearts that have been away too long.

Chalice Lighting by Elena Westbrook

Liz Loucks

Hallelujah!
As the spring sun coaxes lilies and bluebonnets from the soil,
Let us celebrate that even after murderous betrayal,
After days and nights suspended in torture,
When all the world has gone dark and we cried out,
"Why have You forsaken me?" — even then,
there is a sunrise.

Even then, there is a resurrection, if we will climb the hill to look for it.
If we will roll away the stone
And recognize the different shapes that Hope can take
To walk among us in the returning light.

Hymn #38 "Morning Has Broken"

Candles of Joy and Concern

Liz Loucks

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn #123 "Spirit of Life"

Reading Mark 16:1-8

Homily "An Unfinished Story" to be continued...

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Hymn #29 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Benediction "A Benediction for the Brave" Sami Awad in The Sacred Awakening

Postlude

Jeremy Berlin

Liz Loucks will announce our service support staff and give thanks for their help.

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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