

Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard

March 29, 2026

*"Bearing Witness and Using Your Voice for the Voiceless -
We Can't Let Our Neighbors Disappear"*
with
Rachel M. Self P.C.

"Somebody has to stand when other people are sitting. Somebody has to speak when everyone else is quiet"

Bryan Stevenson - Founder of the Equal Justice Initiative

Welcome and Community Connections	Linda Moffat
Prelude	Jermery Berlin
Opening Words President Dwight Eisenhower's State of the Union Message, February 2, 1953	Linda Moffat
Chalice and Peace Candle	
Hymn #159 "This is My Song"	
Candles of Joy and Concern	Linda Moffat
Hymn #123 "Spirit of Life" (please remain seated)	
Offering	
Offertory	Jeremy Berlin
Homily "Bearing Witness and Using Your Voice for the Voiceless - We Can't Let Our Neighbors Disappear"	Rachel M. Self P.C.
Postlude	Jeremy Berlin
Reading (please stand if you are able and join hands)	Linda Moffat

After a brief break for refreshments, Rachel Self will lead a 30-minute question-and-answer session on how we can better understand and support immigrants in our community. The session is open to all.

Our Worship Host will recognize our service support and refreshment volunteers.

Rachel is the founding member of Rachel M. Self, P.C., where she represents individuals in criminal and immigration matters. After 49 migrants were abducted and flown to Martha's Vineyard in the fall of 2022, she was instrumental in organizing support for them through local agencies. She also helped coordinate the criminal investigations of the victims with the Bexar County (Texas) Sheriff's Department, resulting in U visa certifications for all 49 individuals.

Her work has received national recognition, including features on 60 Minutes, The Washington Post, The New York Times, and in Martha's Vineyard vs. DeSantis. She was also named an Honorable Mention for Bostonian of the Year 2022 by Boston Globe Magazine.

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

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, 11:30 a.m.: Lunch Bunch at Mo's Lunch (PA Club)

Tuesday, April 7, 4:30 p.m.: Worship Committee (Zoom)

Monday, April 13, 3 p.m.: Parish Committee, Stevens Chapel, Zoom option available

Friday, April 17, 5 - 7 p.m.: Tarot Exploration with CUUPS MV at Stevens Chapel

Friday, April 24, 6:00-7:30 p.m.: Bingo at Stevens Chapel - Refreshments provided!

Saturday, May 2, 3 - 4:30 p.m.: Get Your Hands Dirty (on Purpose!) (details below)

