

# Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard

May 10, 2026

*“Curiosity Saved the Cat:  
Community Building and the Practice of Not Knowing”  
with  
Reverend Jill De La Hunt*

**Ringing the Bell**

**Welcome and Community Connections**

Bill Bridwell

**Opening Words** “Entranced with Possibility” \*

Bill Bridwell

Rev. Tess Baumberger

We gather as a community of spiritual seekers,  
Always ready to awaken each other's curiosity  
In this beautiful, challenging, and complex world.  
May we enter our worship today with open minds,  
Warm hearts, and spirits entranced with possibility -  
Of healing, of hope, of transformation, of justice.  
Come, let us worship

**Prelude**

Jeremy Berlin

**Chalice Lighting** “Mother's Day Chalice Lighting”

Dick Johnson

by Claudene (Deane) Oliva

We light this chalice for mothers and mothering;  
to celebrate those who have taken on the task of nurturing a young one-baby, child, or  
youth-into adulthood;  
to celebrate those who have nourished the light of truth and compassion in growing  
minds and hearts;  
to celebrate those who have committed time, money, energy to the growth of others in  
this world.

We light this chalice to celebrate and hold dear this flame of love.

**Hymn #1009** “Meditation on Breathing”

**Joys and Concerns**

Bill Bridwell

<b>Reading</b>	Rev. Jill De La Hunt
<b>Hymn Response #123</b> “Spirit of Life” (while seated)	
<b>Offering</b>	Bill Bridwell
<b>Sermon</b>	Rev. Jill De La Hunt
<b>Closing Hymn #1031</b> “Filled with Loving Kindness”	
<b>Benediction/Blessing</b>	Rev. Jill De La Hunt
<b>Postlude</b>	Jeremy Berlin

Thank you to Men’s Alliance for service support, refreshments and flowers for today’s service. Our bell ringers this morning are Graham and 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](mailto: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](mailto:uu.society.mv@gmail.com)

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### **Coming Events**

Monday, May 11, 3 p.m.: Parish Committee, Stevens Chapel, Zoom option available

Tuesday, May 12, 4:30 p.m.: Worship Committee

Thursday, May 14th at 11:30 a.m.: Lunch Bunch at Mo's at the PA Club in Oak Bluffs

Thursday, May 14, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.: Post carding for Midterm Elections (weekly until the end of September)

Monday, May 18, 3 p.m.: Membership & Hospitality Meeting (Zoom)

Friday, June 5, 2 p.m.: Sewcial Action Knitwork (meet at Barb Cushman's home)

Wednesday, June 10, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.: New to UU Class at Stevens Chapel

Sunday, June 28, immediately after the service: congregation special meeting to adopt Vision 2030, Proposed Vision 2030 will be available May 31

