

Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard

March 31, 2026

"Why Sing"

with

Roberta Kirn

"My goal is to make Martha's Vineyard the Island that Sings"

Ringing the Bell	Corey Gitlan
Welcome	Bill Bridwell
Prelude	Roberta Kirn
Opening Words "Come into this Circle" By Rev Scott Taylor	Bill Bridwell
Chalice Lighting "Come into this circle of community. Come into this sacred space" by Andrew Pakula	Bill Bridwell
Singing Together #1	Roberta Kirn
Joys and Concerns	Bill Bridwell
Sung Response	Roberta Kirn
Morning Message "Why Sing"	Roberta Kirn
Offering (Roberta will sing a familiar song and invite participation)	Bill Bridwell
Closing words and a Song	Roberta Kirn

Roberta Kirn is a song leader, percussionist, and dancer who has been leading community singing on Martha's Vineyard and around the world for over 25 years. She is the founder of BeWellSing and The Song Exchange Project, through which she brings singing in community to as many people as she can. Her most important teachers have been Ysaye Barnwell and Bobby McFerrin. Roberta has traveled to Haiti, Kenya, Zambia, South Africa, Brazil and Europe as part of her Song Exchange Project, teaching and collecting songs to share at home and wherever she travels. She has recently become certified as a Community Health Musician by the Berklee College of Music.

Thank you to Bill Bridwell, Judy Crawford and Sue Streeter for service support. Peter Palches for Refreshments and Liz Loucks for flowers for our service.. Our bell ringer today is 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

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)

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