Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard

July 5, 2026

"The Incredibly Radical Idea of Equality"

with

Rev. Pat Jobe

"Despite a history under the phrase "All are created equal," but the struggle has shown us how tough and challenging those four words are. Let's start with ourselves."

Gathering Jeremy Berlin

Ringing the Bell

Welcome and Community Connection Bill Bridwell

Prelude Jeremy Berlin

Opening Words Bill Bridwell
"From the Declaration of Independence" Thomas Jefferson

Lighting the Chalice and the Peace Candle Debra Swanson
"To not carry this life alone" by Rev Michelle Collins

Hymn #157 "Step by Step the Longest March" Jeremy Berlin

Reading Bill Bridwell
Exert from Frederick Douglass's Speech on July 5th 1852

Joys and Concerns

Hymn #123 "Spirit of Life"

Offering

Offertory Jeremy Berlin

Message Rev. Pat Jobe

Closing Hymn #159 "This is My Song"

Closing Words Rev. Pat Jobe

Welcome Ceremony Karen Sankey

Congregational Covenant (spoken in unison)
In the bonds of fellowship and love, we unite
To cultivate reverence,
To promote spiritual growth and ethical commitment,
To minister to each other's needs and to those of humanity,
To celebrate the sacred moments of life's passage,
And to honor the holiness at the heart of being.

The **Membership and Hospitality Committee** are happy to announce that we will be welcoming new members to our community during the service on **July 5th**. We hope our whole church family will be there to welcome them! As an added incentive, the committee will be offering lunch following the service. Committee members will provide drinks and desserts and our amazing Joni Merry will provide lunch! We have decided to hold the lunch and coffee hours inside since being told that lone star ticks have recently been found in the yard next door, making some people uncomfortable in the backyard. Other concerns are the unevenness of the ground and heat in the summer. We are open to comments on coffee hour location….. reach out a Membership & Hospitality Committee member or send them to uu.society.mv@gmail.com

Thank you to Bill Bridwell, Laura Beebe and Sue Streeter for service support and Joni Merry for refreshments and flowers.

Pat Jobe is the minister of the Unitarians of Lake Norman and All Souls Community in Rutherford County, both in North Carolina. He was arrested twice in Columbia protesting the refusal of the S.C. legislature to extend Medicaid benefits. He writes for a local paper in his hometown of Forest City. For 19 years, he and co-writers have performed Radio Free Bubba on WNCW.org. He loves his wife, Gabriele, his family and his dogs and everything. His favorite words found on the back of a car are, "Life is good." He can be found on Facebook. He's the one with the picture of him kissing his two-year-old granddaughter. He has been a pastoral minister for 33 years. He is the author of 365 Ways To Criticize The Preacher and other books. During an economic downturn he worked as a pizza delivery guy and found it most educational.

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

