

# Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard

August 23, 2026

*“As Far As Wonder Can Reach”*

*with*

*Rev. Scot Hull*

*“We choose to go to the moon. We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things not because they are easy but because they are hard. Because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills because that challenge is one that we’re willing to accept. One we are unwilling to postpone.” — President John F. Kennedy (1961)*

**Ring the Bell**

**Welcome and Community Connection**

Liz Loucks

**Prelude**

Jeremy Berlin

**Opening Words**

Rev. Scot Hull

**Chalice Lighting**

**Hymn #301** “Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky”

**Candles of Joy and Concern**

Liz Loucks

**Hymn Response #123** Spirit of Life (while seated)

**Prayer/Meditation**

Rev. Scot Hull

**Offering**

Liz Loucks

**Offertory**

Jeremy Berlin

**Reading & Excerpt** from JFK’s “Moonshot”

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**Sermon** “As Far As Wonder Can Reach”

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**Closing Hymn #1064** “Blue Boat Home”

**Chalice Extinguishing**

**Benediction/Blessing**

Rev. Scot Hull

After a 25-year career in technology and sales, Rev. Scot Hull attended seminary to pursue life-long interests in Christian theology, Buddhist philosophy, and comparative religion. A student of philosophy and political science, a fan of sci-fi and hi-fi, he has famously bad taste in TV and movies (a claim he cheerfully disputes). Along with his wife and partner, the Rev. Julia Jones, they are the new co-ministers at First Parish Brewster, arriving on Cape Cod in the summer of 2025.

Thank you to Bill Bridwell, Genevieve Abbot and Jenifer Parkinson for service support, and Joni Merry for refreshments and flowers for today's service.

### **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 This Fall**

Do we want to continue to be lay-led for another year? Do we want to launch a task force to assess the full implications of engaging a minister – spiritual benefits, congregation dynamics, MV community impact, financial requirements, and other considerations? Are we ready to embark on Phase II of the Memorial Garden? There will be a special member meeting on Sunday, September 13, after the service, to discuss these questions and make decisions. Your input will be important, so please plan to attend.

- The Parish Committee

### **Save the Date**

Thursday, August 27, 4:30 p.m.: PostCard Party at Stevens Chapel, Details Below

Tuesday, September 1, 4:30 p.m.: Worship Committee (Zoom)

Friday, September 4, 2 p.m.: Sewcial Action Knitwork

Sunday, September 13, after service: Member meeting

Monday, September 14, 3 p.m.: Parish Committee, Stevens Chapel

Saturday, September 19, 10 a.m.: Island Insight Meditation, all are welcome!

Sunday, November 8, after the service: town meeting to discuss the proposed 2027 budget

Sunday, December 13: Candlelight Service

