Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard

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"Honoring the Ancestors: What Is Remembered Lives"

presented by

CUUPS MV

Ringing the Bell

Welcome and Community Connections Norah Van Riper

Prelude Sam Rothberg

Opening Words "United by Story and Bound by Love" Samantha Greene

Hymn #188 "Come, Come Whoever You Are"

Lighting the Chalice Rebecca Gilbert

Responsive Reading "This Sacred Thread" by Heather K. Janules Samantha Greene

They once dwelled among us, the people of memory
They who knew us, they who taught us,
They who hurt us, they who loved us.

They touch our lives time and again,
through their presence and their absence.
Through familiar scents and favorite songs,
Through old stories and renewed sorrow.

As the earth turns and leaves fall,
We reach back to renew the bonds between us.
With hearts and hands open
We hold onto love,
Ever-stronger than death.

We reach back in gratitude and understanding—
Without our time together,
The pain and the joy,
We would never be who we are today;
We would have little to pass on ourselves.

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Without fear, with thanksgiving
and with hope for all that awaits,
We remember those who have gone before,
We honor the circle of life and death,
And our place within this sacred thread.

Candles of Joy and Concern Norah Van Riper

Hymn #123: "Spirit of Life"

Offering Norah Van Riper

Sermon & Ritual "What Is Remembered Lives" Rebecca Gilbert
Samantha Greene
Norah Van Riper

Hymn #1064 "Blue Boat Home"

Benediction Norah Van Riper

Thank you to our hospitality volunteers: Bill Bridwell, Ed Pachico, and Karen Sankey for service support; CUUPS MV for flowers; Linda and Roger Moffat for refreshments; and Mary Carmel, who will be ringing our bell.

About CUUPS: The Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUPS) is an organization dedicated to networking Pagan-identified Unitarian Universalists (UUs), educating people about Paganism, promoting interfaith dialogue, developing Pagan liturgies and theologies, and supporting Pagan-identified UU religious professionals. On the Island, we are rebuilding an active chapter for local pagans to find community and companionship under the CUUPS MV umbrella.

Pastoral Coverage and Care
Rev. Vicky 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 UUSMV 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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