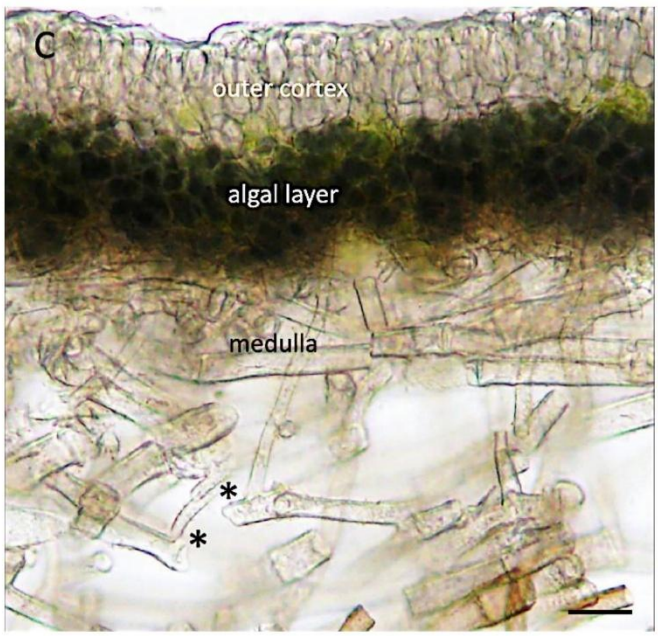
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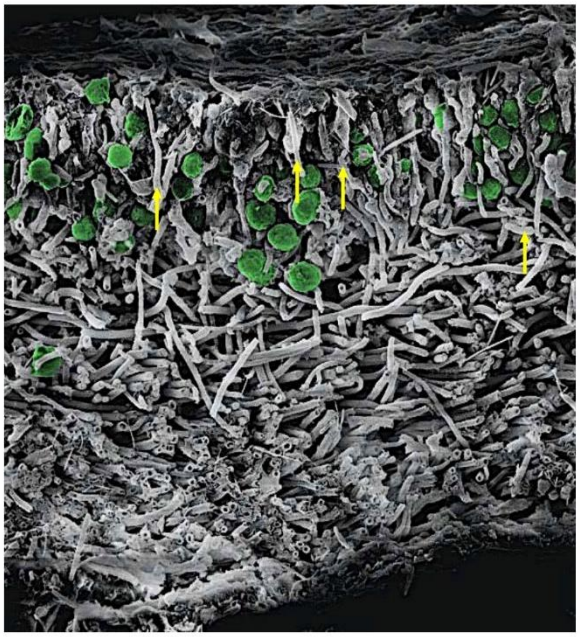
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"Lichens: Their Beauty and Their Message"

with Dr. Ursula Goodenough

and CUUPS MV





Frontispiece

We come spinning out of nothingness, gathering dust from stars.
-- Rumi, 13th century Sufi poet

Ringing the Bell

Welcome and Community Connections Linda Moffat

Prelude "Autumn Leaves**"** Jeremy Berlin

Opening Words by Sarah Gettie McNeill Norah Van Riper

Hymn #134 "Our World Is One World"

Lighting the Chalice Invoking Spirit Rebecca Gilbert

Responsive Reading #540 "The Peace of Autumn" Samantha Greene

Candles of Joy and Concern Linda Moffat

Hymn #123 "Spirit of Life"

Offering Linda Moffat

Offertory Jeremy Berlin

Homily "On Lichens: Their Beauty and their Message" Ursula Goodenough

Hymn #1064 "Blue Boat Home"

Benediction "Mother Nature's Prayer"

Our Mother, who art within us,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy ways evolve,
Thy will calls forth
This earth that is now our heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And fill us with tenderness
As we repair our trespasses.
And lead us forth into communion,
And deliver us from dominion,
For thine is our wellspring
And our grounding and our glory
Forever and ever, amen.

New Member Welcome Ceremony Karen Sankey

Our Mission
The Mission of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard:
We are an intentionally welcoming congregation of diverse faiths and shared values, fostering spiritual growth, community action, racial equity and universal justice.

Special Sunday This Week
The Membership & Hospitality Committee is happy to invite you all to this Sunday's service when we will hold a Welcoming Ceremony at the end of the service to welcome David Morris into church membership. This will be followed by a delicious homemade lunch. Let's give David a warm welcome!

Thank you to our hospitality volunteers, The Men's Alliance for service support and flowers/visual arts. Our refreshments today are provided by the Membership and Hospitality Committee.

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

