Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard

October 18, 2026

"Called to Courage"

with

Reverend Vicky Hanjian

You can choose courage,
or you can choose comfort,
but you cannot choose both.
— Brené Brown

Ringing the Bell	
Welcome and Community Connections	Bill Bridwell
Prelude	Jeremy Berlin
Call to Worship	Bill Bridwell
Chalice Lighting	Debra Swanson
Hymn #131 "Love Will Guide Us"	
Candles of Joy and Concern	Bill Bridwell
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Vicky Hanjian
Hymn #123 "Spirit of Life"	
Offering	
Offertory	
Reading Genesis 18:23-33	Rev. Vicky Hanjian
Sermon "Called to Courage"	
Closing Hymn #6 "Just As Long As I Have Breath"	
Benediction	Rev. Vicky Hanjian
Postlude	Jeremy Berlin

Thank you to our hospitality volunteers: Bill Bridwell, Barbara Cushman, and Karen Sankey for service support; Dorie Godfrey for flowers and visual arts; Rita Brown and Mary Carmel for refreshments; and Laura Beebe, who will be ringing our bell.

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

As the plate comes around, if you're new with us today, please feel free to let it pass. Your being here — showing up, joining us — is gift enough.
If you would like to donate securely online, please scan this QR code.

CROP Hunger Walk (Today!)
This year's annual CROP Hunger Walk will take place on **October 18th at 1:30 p.m**. This walk raises money to help people struggling with hunger on the Vineyard and around the world. It is sponsored by Church World Services. Walkers meet at St. Augustine's Church. Contact Karen Sankey (508-789-1490 or kfsankey@gmail.com) for further details on how to get involved.

Guest at Your Table
Next Door, Across Borders, and Worldwide! What does it mean to be a neighbor? When human rights and international aid are under attack, we must show up for all our neighbors, both locally and globally. The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's (UUSC's) partners demonstrate what neighboring means in action, showing how community care transcends borders. This year be a neighbor next door, across borders, and worldwide by donating to the UUSC. In past years we have symbolically invited guests to our tables by collecting loose change (and paper money) in temporary banks for a month in the Fall. Our collected coins have supported the UUSC's justice work all over the world. This year, instead of collecting coins in banks, please guesstimate what you might have collected and send your gift to the UUSC.
Please make checks out to "UUSC Guest at Your Table" with "Congregation 5121" in the memo field, and mail to: UUSC, PO Box 808, Newark, NJ 07101-0808.
Thanks for your generosity and commitment to justice.

