

# Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard

April 14, 2024

*We Thought that Was Just a Metaphor: Acting On Our Interdependence*

with

Reverend Janet Newton

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“The universe sings no less because time and space wear us thin. The music calls us to recognize our limitations, to recognize that the song is best sung with others.”

- Rev. Manish Mishra-Marzetti

“True belonging is the spiritual practice of believing in and belonging to yourself so deeply that you can share your most authentic self with the world and find sacredness in both being a part of something and standing alone in the wilderness. True belonging doesn't require you to change who you are; it requires you to be who you are.”

— Brené Brown

## Ringing the Bell

Welcome and Community Connection Liz Loucks

Prelude Jeremy Berlin

Call to Worship & Chalice Lighting Rev. Janet

\*Opening Hymn *My Life Flows on in Endless Song* #108

Time for All Ages *Walking with the Wind*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns Liz Loucks

Silent Meditation (~2 minutes)

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Janet

Sung Response *The Lone Wild Bird* #15

Offering Liz Loucks

Offertory Jeremy Berlin

## Reading

Sermon *We Thought that Was Just a Metaphor* Rev. Janet

\*Chalice Extinguishing and Closing Hymn *Lean on Me* #1021

Benediction Rev. Janet

Postlude Jeremy Berlin

**Announcement:** A reminder that after our service today is our first in-person Article II Discussion Group. This is a great opportunity to learn about the proposed Article II revisions and to listen to and share with others about the different spiritual understandings that ground us in our lives.

Thank you to our volunteers The Men's Group for our service support and Steve Engh for providing refreshments .

### **Need Someone to Listen?**

In addition to pastoral care being available from Rev. Janet, your Lay Ministers (Bill Bridwell, Jan Casey, Kevin Longval) 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)

### **Connect with Rev. Janet**

Would you like to connect with Rev. Janet? Here are three ways:

1. NEW! Coffee Shop Office Hours! Come connect at the Cozy Corner Cafe (located at the Triangle in Edgartown) on Tuesdays from 11 - 1 pm, or the Black Dog Bakery on State Road in Vineyard Pastoral Support Haven on Wednesdays from 12:30 - 2:30 pm.
2. For pastoral care needs, request a one-on-one meeting that directly show up on my calendar through this link: <https://calendly.com/revjanet> From there you can select a date, time, duration and location. Please keep travel time in mind as you schedule.
3. If neither of these options works for you, or if you have a more urgent need, please reach out by phone, text message or email and she will get back to you with options. Cell: (505) 670-4157 (call or text) or email: [revjanetnewton@gmail.com](mailto:revjanetnewton@gmail.com)

### **April Events**

- Sunday, April 14, 8:30 - 9:30 pm:** Young Peoples AA (Stevens Chapel)
- Tuesday, April 16, 5 - 6 pm:** Transgender Inclusion Course (meet on Zoom, discussion of session 5)
- Friday, April 19, 10 - 11:15 am:** Let's Have a Visit (meet on Zoom)
- Saturday, April 20 at 2 pm:** A Celebration of Life for Tad Crawford will be held at the Ag Hall
- Saturday, April 20, 10 am - 12 pm:** Island Insight will meet at Stevens Chapel, all are welcome!
- Sunday, April 21, after service:** Conversation on the Proposed Changes to Article 2 with Rev. Janet

