



Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard
June 2, 2024
Celebrate UUSMV's Welcoming Congregation
20th Anniversary!

Ringling the Bell	Bill Bridwell
Prelude Hymn <i>Enter, Rejoice and Come In</i>	#361 (all verses)
Land Acknowledgement	Dorie Godfrey
Opening Words and Chalice Lighting	
Affirmation of our Welcoming Congregation	Judy Crawford
Chalice Lighting	Kristine Hopkins
Time for All Ages	Mary Jane Aldrich Moodie
Reading <i>Come In Be Among Us</i>	Betsy Young Buck and Bill Bridwell
Hymn <i>When Our Heart is in a Holy Place</i>	Teal Hymnal, Page 1008
Candles of Joys and Concern	Ewell Hopkins
Prayer	Mary Jane Aldrich Moodie
Reading <i>Thank You Allies</i> by Keith Silva	Betsy Young Buck
Offertory Mary Jane Aldrich Moodie	
Offertory Music	Jeremy Berlin
Message	Rita Brown
Hymn <i>We Are A Gentle Angry People</i>	#170 (all verses)
Benediction	Mary Jane Aldrich Moodie

June has long been recognized as LGBTQ Pride Month, in honor of the Stonewall riots, which took place in New York City in June 1969. During Pride Month, it is not uncommon to see the rainbow flag being proudly displayed as a symbol for the LGBTQ rights movement. But how did that flag become a symbol of LGBTQ pride?

It goes back to 1978, when the artist Gilbert Baker, an openly gay man and a drag queen, designed the first rainbow flag. Baker later revealed that he was urged by Harvey Milk, one of the first openly gay elected officials in the U.S., to create a symbol of pride for the gay community. Baker decided to make that symbol a flag because he saw flags as the

most powerful symbol of pride. As he later said in an interview, “Our job as gay people was to come out, to be visible, to live in the truth, as I say, to get out of the lie. A flag really fit that mission, because that’s a way of proclaiming your visibility or saying, ‘This is who I am!’” Baker saw the rainbow as a natural flag from the sky, so he adopted eight colors for the stripes, each color with its own meaning (hot pink for sex, red for life, orange for healing, yellow for sunlight, green for nature, turquoise for art, indigo for harmony, and violet for spirit).

The Progress Pride flag was developed in 2018 to be inclusive of light blue, pink, and white stripes that represent trans and non-binary individuals and the black and brown stripes represent marginalized People of Color (POC) communities. These stripes are in a triangle shape arrow design is meant to highlight that progress is still needed. In the latest change, intersex-inclusive has been added using yellow and purple. The circle is an unbroken circle that represents being whole.

The various colors came to reflect both the immense diversity and the unity of the LGBTQ community.

Thank you to our volunteers Karen Sankey, Doris Troy and Judy Crawford for our service support and Liz Loucks 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

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.

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