



# Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard

August 4, 2024

*"I Choose Joy"*

with

Dr. Kathy Bullock

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"I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy." — Rabindranath Tagore

## Ring the Bell

Welcome

Chris Seidel

Prelude

Kathy Bullock

Opening Words and Chalice Lighting

Chris Seidel

Singing Together "Bless the Lord With Me" by Darwin Hobbs

Singing Together "I Still Have Joy" by Joe Pace

Led by Kathy Bullock

Candles of Joy and Concern

Chris Seidel

**Readings** - excerpts from the writings of 1866 speech by African American abolitionist, poet and suffragist Frances Ellen Watkins Harper (1825-1911)

*"We are all bound up together in one great bundle of humanity, and society cannot trample on the weakest and feeblest of its members without receiving the curse in its own soul."*

Read by Kathy Bullock

Solo "Still I Rise" by Percy Bady

Sung by Kathy Bullock

Offering

Chris Seidel

Instrumental Piano Music

Kathy Bullock

Singing Together "Build a Bridge"

Singing Together

Led by Kathy Bullock

**Benediction** Singing "Walking in the Light"

(Let us leave singing)

## Lyrics

### **“Bless the Lord with Me” by Darwin Hobbs (repeat each 4 times)**

Verse 1: Come on and bless the Lord with me

Chorus: Hal - le - lu - jah!

Verse 2: Come on and clap your hands with me

Chorus: Hal - le - lu - jah!

Verse 3: Come on and dance before the Lord

Chorus: Hal - le - lu - jah!

### **“I Still Have Joy” by Joe Pace**

(Chorus 1)

[After all], after all (2x)

After everything I've seen

Thank God I still, still, still have joy

[Through the storm], through the storm

[And the rain], and the rain

Through heartaches yes and pain

Thank God I still, still, still have joy

(Chorus 2)

I still have joy (repeat)

Ending

[Through the storm], through the storm

[And the rain], and the rain

Through heartaches yes and pain

Thank God I still, still, still have joy

### **“Build A Bridge” by Alvin Slaughter and Bill and Gloria Gaither**

(Chorus)

Let's work hand in hand

All across this land

Oh I know we can build a bridge

Long and wide and high

Cross the great divide

Oh I know it's time to build a bridge

### **“Walk in the Light” by Milton Biggum and the Georgia Mass Choir**

1.) Walking in the light, beautiful light

Ain't it wonderful how the light shines

Walking in the light, beautiful light

Ain't it wonderful how the light shines

2.) Joy in the light, beautiful light...

3.) Trusting in the light, beautiful light...

Thank you to our volunteers Jack Street, Dorie Godfrey and Karen Sankey for our service support, Linda Moffatt and Laura Beebe for providing refreshments and Dorie Godfrey for visual arts/flowers.

### **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)

### **Summer Pastoral Coverage and Care**

Dear congregation: Rev. Janet will be taking the remainder of her annual vacation and study leave time over the next several weeks. While she will mostly be on-Island, she is also using this time to attend two conferences, prepare for the coming church year, and take vacation time with her family. She requests that you hold off on sending her any email that requires a response until either her August work week (8/12 - 8/19), or after September 2.

**From July 23 - August 11, and August 20 - September 1, Rev. Vicki Hanjian will provide emergency pastoral care.**

Vacation Week 2: **July 8-14**

Study Leave Week 1: **July 15-21** (Faith Formation Conference)

Vacation Week 3: **July 22-28**

Study Leave Weeks 2 & 3: **July 29 - August 4** (AUUMN Conference); **August 5-11**

Work Week: **August 12 - August 19, Rev. Janet**

Vacation Week 4: **August 20 - 25**

Study Leave Week 4: **August 26 - September 2**

### **Upcoming Events**

**Monday, August 5, 4:30-6:30 pm:** Democracy Postcard Party at Stevens Chapel

**Monday, August 5, 4:30 pm:** Worship Committee (on Zoom)

**Wednesday, August 7, Noon:** BYO Picnic at Sailing Camp Park

**Friday, August 9, 10 - 11:15 am:** Let's Have a Visit (Zoom)

