



# Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard

July 14, 2024

*To the End of the World...and Back Again*

with Rev. Rob Hardies

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*Recently returned from a pilgrimage to a place that some ancient peoples believed to be the end of the world, Rev. Rob Hardies will reflect on what it means for each of us to face the many endings (and new beginnings) of our own lives, and to confront the unsettling possibility end of the world as we know it.*

## **Ring the Bell**

### **Welcome and Community Connection**

Mary Jane Aldrich-Moodie

### **Prelude**

Jeremy Berlin

### **Opening Words and Responsive Chalice Lighting**

Rev. Rob Hardies

In the midst of the journey of our lives we gather to give thanks for another day.

*We gather to give thanks for those who have brought us warmth and love.*

*We gather to give thanks for the gift of life.*

We know we are on a pilgrimage here, for but a brief moment in time.

So let us open ourselves to the process of becoming more whole.

*Living more fully, giving and forgiving more freely.*

Understanding more completely the meaning of our lives here on earth.

Come, let us worship together!

*Words adapted from Timothy Haley.*

### **Hymn**    *Blue Boat Home*

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### **Candles of Joy and Concern**

Mary Jane Aldrich-Moodie

**Hymn**    *Spirit of Life* (while seated)

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**Prayer**

Rev. Rob Hardies

### **Offering**

Mary Jane Aldrich-Moodie

**Offertory Music**

Jeremy Berlin

**Reading**    *Why Write Love Poetry in a Burning World* by Katie Farris

**Sermon**    *To the End of the World ... and Back Again*

Rev. Rob Hardies

**Closing Hymn**    *For the Earth Forever Turning*

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**Benediction**

Rev. Rob Hardies

**Postlude**

Jeremy Berlin

Thank you to our volunteers The Men's Alliance for our service support, providing refreshments and 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 8 - 22**, Rev. Rob Hardies will provide emergency pastoral care. Rev. Rob can be reached on his mobile at 202-294-9032, or by email at [rhardies@gmail.com](mailto:rhardies@gmail.com).

**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**

### **Summer Events**

**Sunday, July 14, 7 - 8:30 pm:** Ballroom Dancing (all are welcome!)

**Sunday, July 14, 8:30 - 9:30 pm:** Young Peoples AA (Stevens Chapel)

**Monday, July 15, 1 -3 pm:** Parish Committee (meet on Zoom)

**Monday, July 15, 4:30-6:30 pm:** Democracy Postcard Party at Stevens Chapel

**Saturday, July 20, 10 am - 12 pm:** Island Insight Meditation - all are welcome!

**Friday, July 26, 10 - 11:15 am:** Let's Have a Visit (Zoom)

**Friday, August 2, 2 pm:** Sewcial Action Knitwork

