

# Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard

July 28, 2024

## *How We Play the Game*

with

Rev. Roberta Finkelstein

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“When the one great scorer comes to mark against our names,  
they’ll write not that we won or lost but how we played the game.”  
(With apologies to Grantland Rice for updating the pronouns!)

### **Ringing the Bell**

**Welcome and Community Connection** Liz Loucks

**Prelude** Silas Berlin

**Opening Words and Chalice Lighting** Rev. Roberta Finkelstein & Liz Loucks  
*Love is the Center and Foundation* by Rev. Shari Woodbury

**Hymn** *What Wondrous Love* #18

**Candles of Joy and Concern** Liz Loucks

**Hymn Response** *Spirit of Life* (while seated) #123

**Prayer** Rev. Roberta Finkelstein

**Offering** Liz Loucks

**Offertory** Silas Berlin

**Reading** – excerpt from *The Races We Run* by Jesse O’Connell

**Sermon** *How We Play the Game* Rev. Roberta Finkelstein

**Closing Hymn** *Rejoice in Love* #380

**Unison Benediction** #694

**Postlude** Silas Berlin

Thank you to our volunteers Stephe Michalczyk, Debbie Dean, Genevieve Abbott, Bob Maclean and Doris Troy for our service support and Jenifer Parkinson for providing refreshments and Susanna Savoy 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. You can reach her at 508-696-8225 or [av.hanjian@verizon.net](mailto:av.hanjian@verizon.net)

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 28, 7 - 8:30 pm:** Ballroom Dancing (all are welcome!)

**Sunday, July 28, 8:30 - 9:30 pm:** Young Peoples AA (Stevens Chapel)

**Monday, July 29, 4:30-6:30 pm:** Democracy Postcard Party at Stevens Chapel

**Friday, August 2, 2 pm:** Sewcial Action Knitwork - meet at the home of Laura Beebe

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

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

