

Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard

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The Lizard in the Mikveh (Ritual Bath)

with

Rabbi Lori Shaller & Batya Diamond



Introduction and Announcements

Prelude "Shuv Shuvi" ("Turn, Return") by Kohenet Batya Diamond

Opening Words

Opening Music "If I Had a Hammer" by Pete Seeger and Lee Hays

If I had a hammer, I'd hammer in the morning [bell (ring), song (sing), all 3]

I'd hammer in the evening, all over this land

I'd hammer out danger, I'd hammer out a warning

I'd hammer out love between my brothers & my sisters

All over this land

[V 2, 3: bell (ring), song (sing)]

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Well I got a hammer & I got a bell

And I got a song to sing all over this land

It's the hammer of justice,

it's the bell of freedom

It's a song about love between

my brothers & my sisters

All over this land

## Chalice Lighting

### A Story for All Ages

### Candles of Joy and Concern

#### Pastoral Prayer

**Music** "We Rise" by Batya Levine

We rise, humbly hearted

Rise, won't be divided

Rise, with spirit to guide us

Rise!

In hope, in prayer, we find ourselves here

In hope, in prayer, we're right here

(x2)

(music continues on next page)

We rise, all of the children  
 Rise, elders with wisdom  
 Rise, ancestors surround us  
 Rise!  
 In hope, in prayer, we find ourselves here  
 In hope, in prayer, we're right here  
 (x2)  
 We rise, up from the wreckage  
 Rise, with tears and with courage  
 Rise, fighting for life  
 We rise!

**Sermon** "The Lizard in the Mikveh (Ritual Bath)"

Rabbi Lori Shaller

### **Silent Meditation**

**Music** "Create a Pure Heart in Me" – lyrics based on Psalm 51:12, music by Nava Tehila  
 Create a pure heart in me, great spirit, create a pure heart in me (2x)  
 And renew a true soul within me, and renew a true soul within me (2x)

### **Closing Words**

**Closing Music** Holly Near's "We Are Singing for Our Lives"

We are a gentle, angry people and we are singing, singing for our lives  
 We are a justice-seeking people and we are singing, singing for our lives  
 We are a land of many colors and we are singing, singing for our lives  
 We are a gentle, loving people and we are singing, singing for our lives

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### **Biographies**

Rabbi Lori Shaller is a Spiritual Care Counselor at Hospice and Palliative Care of Martha's Vineyard. She is a Spiritual Director and in her capacity as Rabbi teaches, leads weddings, baby namings, funerals, and b'nai mitzvah as well as occasional religious services. Rabbi Lori loves "coming home" to the UUSMV.

Batya Diamond is a singer/songwriter and Hebrew priestess (kohenet), whose original music weaves ancient wisdom, resonant melodies, and lyrics in English and Hebrew to help folks discover and deepen their connection with divine mystery.

