

# Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard

October 6, 2024

*"How to Survive the End of the World"*

by Rev. Molly Housh Gordon



Written for the UU Climate Justice Revival Sermon Contest

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*"This we know. The earth does not belong to us; we belong to the earth."  
attributed to Chief Noah Sealath*

## Ringling the Bell

**Welcome and Community Connection**

Liz Loucks

**Prelude**

Jeremy Berlin

**Opening Words and Chalice Lighting**

Liz Loucks

**Hymn #203** (verses 1-3) *All Creatures of the Earth & Sky*

Jeremy Berlin

**Time for All Ages** *What Do You Do With a Problem?* by Kobi Yamad  
read by UUA President, Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt

## Candles of Joy and Concern

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

Jeremy Berlin

**Prayer**

Mary Jane Aldrich-Moodie

**Offering**

Liz Loucks

**Offertory Music**

Jeremy Berlin

**Sermon** *How to Survive the End of the World* by Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon  
via pre-recorded video provided by the UUA

**Hymn # 1064** *Blue Boat Home*

Jeremy Berlin

**Benediction**

Liz Loucks

Written By Rev. Peggy Clarke

**Postlude** Peter Halperin

Thank you to our volunteers Bill Bridwell and Karen Sankey for our service support and Sue Streeter for providing refreshments and Abbie Steele for visual arts/flowers.

The UU Climate Justice Revival, “Reimagine Together: From an Extractive Age to a New Era” is a project of the UU Climate Justice Coalition and Friends with financial support from Revival Sponsors.

In May 2024, A sermon contest was launched: *Sermon Contest: A Call for Climate Revival Preachers*

We are reimagining climate justice for a new era and bringing a spirit of revival and renewal to our work. Imagine that it’s 2050 and we’ve achieved all of our wildest hopes for collective liberation. What is present in that re-imagined reality? What have our values led us to collectively abolish or move away from? How would our world transform if love was at the center of our climate actions and collective liberation were upheld as a uniting goal across all of the movement spaces that matter most?

### **Worship Committee Outreach**

The Worship Committee’s hope is to create Sunday services relevant to your lives and informed by a powerful sense of something beyond ourselves. Our sermons are not TED talks, they are spiritually-driven moments in time when we connect and share our vulnerabilities with each other. The sermon takes place in a spiritual mix of song, prayer, poetry and candle-lighting. If you feel that you have an idea for a worship topic or sermon (even if it is not fully shaped in your mind), please reach out to a member of the Worship Committee: Linda Moffet, Liz Loucks, Peter Palches, or Mary Jane Aldrich-Moodie. We will collaborate with you in making something germane and powerful.

### **Pastoral Coverage and Care**

Rev. Vicki Hanjian will provide pastoral care. She can be reached at 508-696-8225 or [av.hanjian@verizon.net](mailto:av.hanjian@verizon.net)

### **Need Someone to Listen?**

Reach out to our Lay Ministers:

Jan Casey 508-942-3643

Bill Bridwell 774-563-8542

Kevin Longval 781-249-4712

they are available to lend support to anyone in our UUSMV community in their time of need, being available to listen and offer comfort. You can find their email contact information in the member’s section of the website: [www.uusmv.org](http://www.uusmv.org)

