

# Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard

October 13, 2024

*"The Other Side of the Pond"*

written by Rev. Dr. Jan Marie Carlsson-Bull

Read by Liz Loucks

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*"Land is something sacred to all of us, whether we consciously appreciate it or not — it is the space upon which we play, live, eat, find love, and experience life. The land is ever-changing and ever-shifting, giving us — and other creatures and beings on the earth — an infinite number of gifts and lessons."*

- By Native Land Digital <https://native-land.ca/about/why-it-matters>

## Ringing the Bell

**Welcome and Community Connection** Linda Moffat

## Prelude

**Opening Words and Chalice Lighting** Linda Moffat

**Land Acknowledgement** Liz Loucks

**Responsive Reading** *The Words That Come Before All Else* Ed Pachico  
(Thanksgiving address)

**Hymn # 318** *We Would be One* Jeremy Berlin

**Candles of Joy and Concern** Linda Moffat

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

**Prayer** *Prayer for This Day* written by Adam Slate Liz Loucks

**Pledge Testimonial** Ewell Hopkins

**Offering** Linda Moffat

**Offertory Music** Jeremy Berlin

**Sermon** *The Other Side of the Pond* Read by Liz Loucks  
written by Rev. Dr. Jan Marie Carlsson-Bull

**Hymn #128** *For All That Is Our Life* Jeremy Berlin

**Closing Words** *Citizens of Our Communities, Our Nation, Our World*

by Rev. Shari Woodbury

Linda Moffat

Let us continue to grow as citizens of our communities, our nation, and our world. Let us work to build the common good, for ourselves and the generations to come. May it be so. Amen.

**Postlude**

Jeremy Berlin

The whole original sermon is available at

<https://www.uua.org/worship/words/sermon/other-side-of-pond>

Thank you to our volunteers The Men's Alliance for our service support, providing refreshments and for visual arts/flowers.

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?**

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)