

Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard

December 29, 2024

"Ministry as Improv"

with

Rev. Darrick Jackson, Guest Minister

Ministerial Credentialing Director, UUA

Music by Peter Halperin

Welcoming Words, Introduction of Visitors, Acknowledgments

Peter Palches, Service Coordinator

Prelude

Peter Halperin

Opening Words "River Call"

by Reverend Manish Mishra-Marzetti

Reverend Jackson

Chalice Lighting "So that We Might, Together, Shine"

by Erik Walker Wikstrom

Hymn #131 "Love Will Guide Us"

Candles of Joy and Concern

Meditation

Hymn #311 "Let it Be a Dance"

Offering

Offertory

Peter Halperin

Reading "Rules of Improvisation" from *Bossypants* by Tina Fey

Morning Message "Ministry as Improv"

Reverend Jackson

Closing Hymn #1024 "When The Spirit Says Do"

Extinguishing the Chalice

Closing Words "An Improv Spirit"

Reverend Jackson

Postlude

Peter Halperin

Thank you to our volunteers Bill Bridwell, Lucinda Sheldon and Barb Cushman for our service support, Doris Troy and Rich Peia providing refreshments and Laura Beebe 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

Need Someone to Listen?

In addition to pastoral care being available from Rev. Vicky, 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

Upcoming Events

Friday, January 3, 2 pm: Sewcial Action Knitwork (meet at Mimi Davisson's)

Sunday, January 5: Annual Reports Due

Tuesday, January 7, 4:30 pm: Worship Committee (Zoom)

Saturday, January 11, 1:30 to 3:30 pm: Craft and Connect (Stevens Chapel)

Monday, January 13, 3-5 pm: Parish Committee (Zoom)

Saturday, January 18, 10 am: Island Insight Meditation (all are welcome!)

Saturday, January 18, 4 pm: Movie and Potluck Discussion, Inside Out 2

Saturday, January 25, 3:30 pm: Spiritual Book Club (Zoom)

Sunday, January 26, after the service: Annual Meeting

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