

*Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard*

*April 20, 2025*

*"An Unfinished Story"*

*with Rev. Vicky Hanjjan*

"Easter is the promise that the heart shall be reborn as hatred dies and love is given birth.  
It is the promise that the mind shall be renewed as ignorance is lost to newfound truth.  
It is the promise to everyone who journeys from the death of prejudice to  
the life of understanding." -Eugene B. Navias

**Ringing the Bell**

**Welcome and Community Connections**

**Prelude**

Peter Halperin

**Opening Word** by retired UU minister Dick Gilbert

Linda Moffat

A tomb is no place to stay,  
Be it a cave in the Judean hills  
Or the dark cave of the spirit.  
A tomb is no place to stay  
When the fresh grass rolls away the stone of winter cold,  
And valiant flowers burst their way to warmth and light.  
A tomb is no place to stay  
When each morning announces our reprieve,  
And we know we are granted yet another day of living.  
A tomb is no place to stay  
When life laughs a welcome  
To hearts that have been away too long.

**Chalice Lighting** by Elena Westbrook

Linda & Roger Moffat

Hallelujah!  
As the spring sun coaxes lilies and bluebonnets from the soil,  
Let us celebrate that even after murderous betrayal,  
After days and nights suspended in torture,  
When all the world has gone dark and we cried out,  
"Why have You forsaken me?" — even then,  
there is a sunrise.  
Even then, there is a resurrection, if we will climb the hill to look for it.  
If we will roll away the stone  
And recognize the different shapes that Hope can take  
To walk among us in the returning light.

**Hymn #38** *Morning Has Broken*

**Candles of Joy and Concern**

**Prayer**

**Hymn #123** *Spirit of Life*

**Reading** *Mark 16:1-8*

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**Homily** *"An Unfinished Story"*

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**Hymn #29** *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

**Benediction** *Burning Man Benediction*

**Postlude**

Peter Halperin

Thank you to our volunteers Bill Bridwell, Lucinda Sheldon and Sue Streeter for service support and Sue Streeter providing refreshments.

### **Worship Committee (WC)**

The members of the Worship Committee (WC) are always open to hearing your thoughts, concerns, and ideas for the congregation. Please don't hesitate to reach out to any of the following committee members:

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They look forward to hearing from you and working together to strengthen our community!

### **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. 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),

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