



**Sunday, December 25, 2022**

**First Parish in Cohasset**

**Welcome — Rev. Dan Harper**

**Prelude — Jim Kingsbury, guitar**

**Opening words — “Why Not a Star?” by Margaret Gooding**

**Carol — “Here we Come A-Wassailing” (see reverse for words)**

**Unison chalice lighting words —** At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us. — Albert Schweitzer

**Candles of Joy, Sorrow, and Concern**

**Prayer / Meditation**

**Reading —** from “Amazing Peace, A Christmas Poem,” by Maya Angelou

**Carol — “Deck the Hall” (see reverse for words)**

**“Dulce Domum” —** from *The Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame

**Offering**

**Carol — “We Wish You a Merry Christmas” (see reverse for words)**

**Unison closing words —**

Go out into the world in peace,  
Be of good courage,  
Hold fast to what is good,  
Return to no one evil for evil.  
Strengthen the fainthearted  
Help the suffering;  
Be patient with all,  
Love all living beings.

**Postlude**

“Here We Come A-Wassailing”  
traditional English

1. Here we come a-wassailing  
Among the leaves so green;  
And here we come a-wandering  
So fair to be seen.

*Chorus:* Love and joy come to you,  
And to you your wassail too;  
And God bless you  
And send you a Happy New Year  
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2. Good master and mistress,  
As you sit by the fire,  
Pray think of us poor children  
Who wander in the mire.

3. God bless the master of this house  
Likewise the mistress too,  
And all the little children  
That round the table go.

“Deck The Hall”

Words: John Hullah ~ Music: Traditional Welsh

1. Deck the hall with boughs of holly, fa la la...  
‘Tis the season to be jolly, fa la la...  
Don we now our gay apparel, fa la la...  
Troll the ancient Yule tide carol, fa la la...

2. See the blazing Yule before us, fa la la...  
Strike the harp and join the chorus, fa la la...  
Follow me in merry measure, fa la la...  
While I tell of Yuletide treasure, fa la la...

3. Fast away the old year passes, fa la la...  
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses, fa la la...  
Sing we joyous, all together, fa la la...  
Heedless of the wind and weather, fa la la....

“We Wish You a Merry Christmas”  
traditional English

1. We wish you a merry Christmas (3 times)  
And a happy New Year.

*Chorus:* Good tidings we bring to you and your kin  
Good tidings for Christmas and a happy new year.

2. Oh bring us some figgy pudding (3 times)  
And bring it right here.

3. We won’t go until we get some (3 times)  
So bring it right here.

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**Mission Statement:** We welcome all to our inclusive spiritual community. We affirm our Unitarian Universalist Principles and put them into action by worshipping together, caring for one another, and working for a safe, just, and sustainable world.

**Minister:** Rev. Dan Harper

**Director of Religious Education:** Tracey Newman

**Music Director:** Mary Beth Courtright

Parish Committee:

Holly Harris, Chair; Annie Spang, Vice Chair; Mike Nakashima, Clerk; Woody Chittick, Treasurer;  
At-Large Members: Beverley Burgess, Abe Murray,  
Tara Volungis

**Rev. Dan Harper’s Office Hours:**

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Please contact the Parish Office or Dan to schedule an appointment.

**Care Circle Coordinator / December**

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**Zoom host:** Carol Steinfeld

**Guest musician:** Jim Kingsbury — Jim is from Acton, Mass., where he plays guitar and bass guitar in local bands. He holds a certificate in Guitar Studies from Musicians Institute / College of Contemporary Music in Hollywood, Calif.



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