

**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.*

**First Parish in Cohasset  
Unitarian Universalist**

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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 11:00a -7:00p.  
Please contact the Parish Office or Dan to schedule an appointment.

**May 2023**

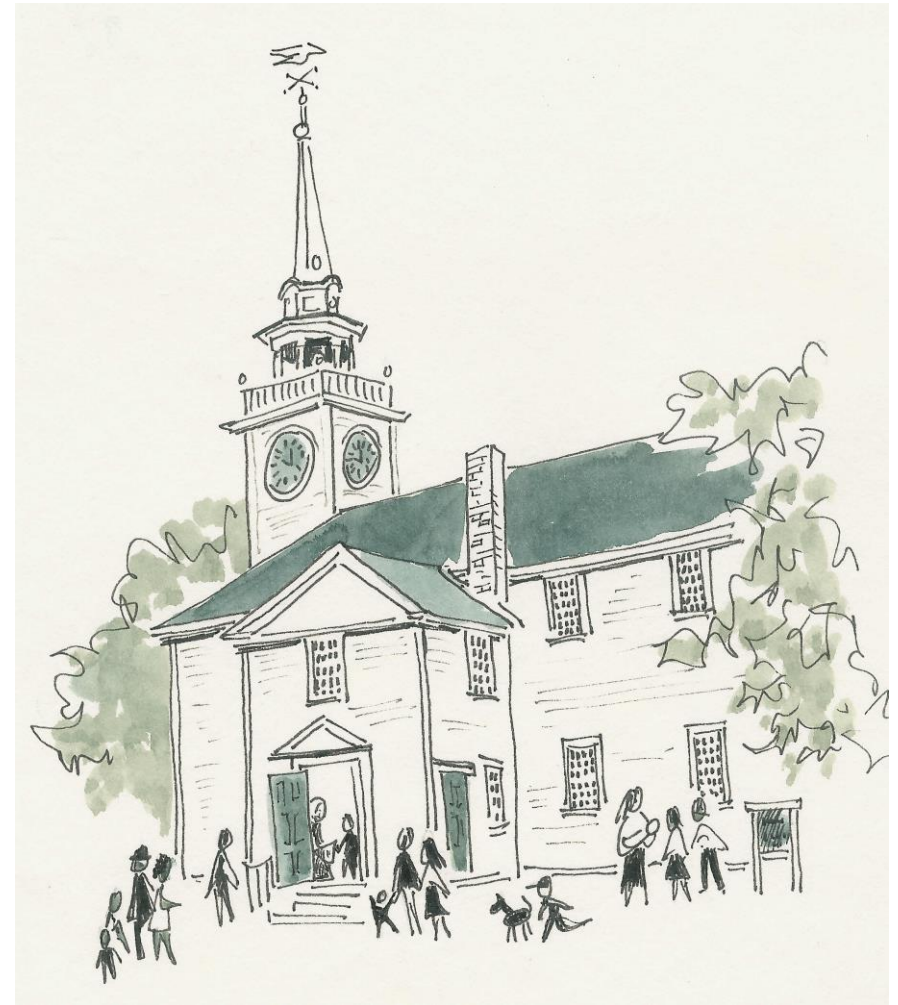
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**Thank You:**

**Worship Associate:** Tracey Newman  
**Usher(s):** RE Young People  
**Flowers:** Given by Tracey Newman in celebration of RE Sunday



If you would like to give to this morning's offering online, please use the QR code above. In the comments field, **please write "Sunday offering."**



**Sunday, May 21, 2023**

**Order of Service for RE Sunday**  
**Tracey Newman, Director of Religious Education**

**Welcome** Tracey Newman, DRE

**Prelude** "Slavic Dance" by Dvorak,  
performed by Micah and Amara Mulder

**Opening Words: # 537**, "Our Whole System" by Maria Mitchell

**Hymn: # 131**, "Love Will Guide Us"

**Unison Chalice Lighting Words:** Christian Schmidt & Alexis Capen  
We light this chalice for our children and youth, and for us:  
celebrating the flame of faith lit in each of us,  
honoring the light each of us bring into the world,  
rejoicing in the community we create together

**Moment for All Ages, Hymn # 1074**, "Turn the World Around"

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

**Prayer and Meditation**

**Words in Response:** Our Goals for Religious Education (**insert**)

**Musical Interlude:** Brahms Duet for clarinet and piano,  
performed by Eliza and Amara Mulder

**Readings**

"Birdsnest" from *Kindness: A Treasury of Buddhist Wisdom*  
by Sarah Conover, read by Linux Dupont

"maggie and milly and molly and may" by E.E. Cummings,  
read by Nate Volungis

**Musical Interlude:** "Nocturne of the Stars"  
by Naoko Ikeada, performed by Winter Dupont

**Words of Experience:** Meghan Neri (read by Link Dupont),  
Matt Mulder, and Stanley Fogleman

**Musical Interlude:** "Rainbow Connection" by Paul Williams and  
Kenneth Ascher, performed by Clayton and Naomi Mulder

**Sermon** "Do Now" Tracey Newman, DRE

**Offering:** "Una Día de Noviembre" by Leo Brouwer,  
performed by Gabe Murray

For the **May and June** Outreach plate collection, we wanted to focus on improving our natural resources and supporting efforts to combat climate change. As such, our chosen charity for "**Share the Plate**" is "**The Weir River Watershed Association**," a group dedicated to maintaining and improving the water quality, beauty, and enjoyment of the Weir River Watershed.

**Closing Hymn: # 1064**, "Blue Boat Home"

**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** "Bouncing" by Carolyn Miller,  
performed by Linux Dupont

**Next Week's Service:** Guest Minister, Rev. Ann Fox  
"Radical Acceptance" (or Saying 'Yes' to Life)

If you'd like this hour to recharge and reflect but need qualified supervision for your infant or young child, First Parish is here to support you. Our paid **child care attendant** (no cost to you), is across the street at the Parish House just waiting to help! Please ask an usher to point you in the right direction.

**After today's service, please join us across the street for Carriage House Nursery School's ribbon cutting reception for the new Outdoor Nature's Classroom.**

**Words in Response:**

These are our four big educational goals for our children and teens:

1. Have fun and feel a part of a community, where every child feels welcome, through service and community building activities
2. Gain basic religious literacy
3. Learn skills associated with liberal religion in a space where you can have a voice and share/explore interests
4. Prepare children to become UU adults, should they choose to do so when they're old enough to make their own decisions, through a unique Sunday school experience