

**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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**Rev. Dan Harper's Office Hours:**

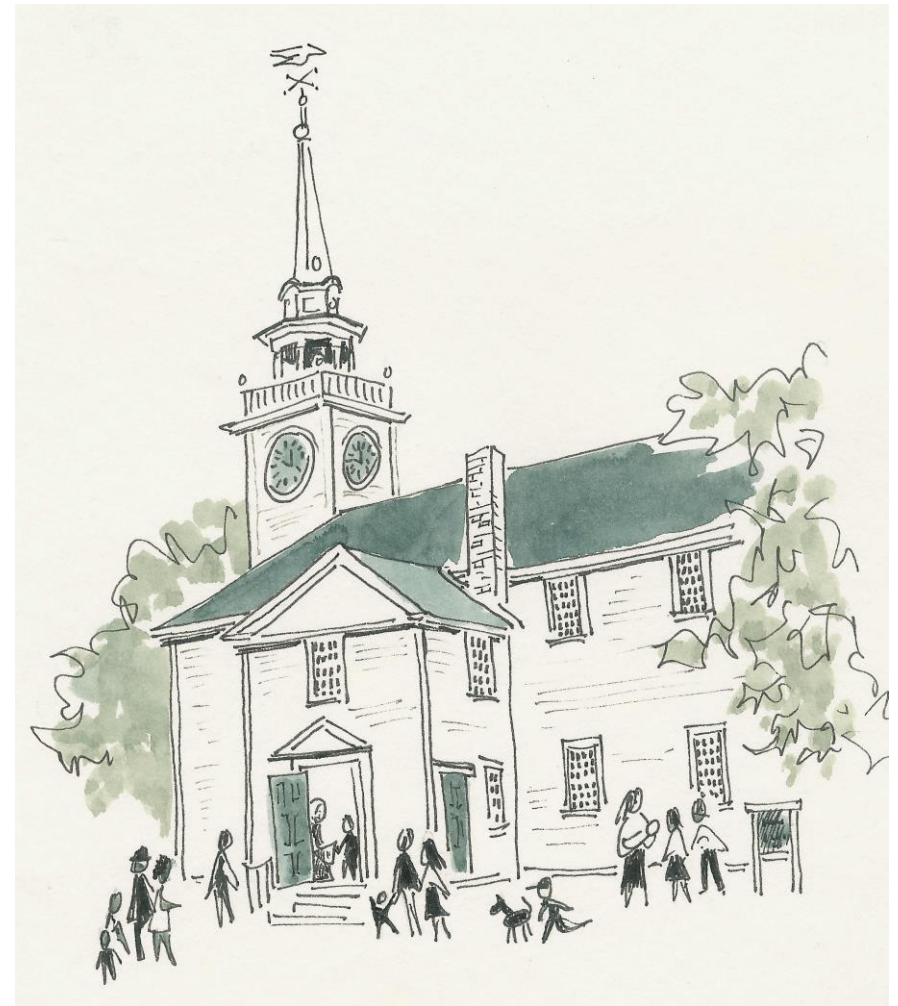
Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 11:00a -7:00p.  
Please contact the Parish Office or Dan to schedule an appointment.

**May 2023**

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**Thank You:**

**Worship Associate:** Nancy Robertson  
**Usher(s):** JoAnne and Woody Chittick  
**Flowers:** Given by Stanley Fogleman in memory of his wife, Deb LeBel



**Sunday, May 28, 2023**

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."**

**Order of Service**  
**Guest Minister, Rev. Ann C. Fox**

**Welcome** Nancy Robertson

**Prelude** "Fanfare and Meditation on  
*My Country, 'Tis of Thee*"  
Siegfried A. Mahlmann (1711-1826) arr. Murray C. Bradshaw

**Opening Words:** Rev. Ann C. Fox

**Unison Chalice Lighting Words:**

**"In Flanders Fields" by Col. John McCrae, WWI**

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

**We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
*In Flanders fields.***

**Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
*In Flanders fields.***

**Hymn: #126**, Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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

**Prayer and Meditation**

**Hymn in Response: #396**, "I Know This Rose Will Open"  
**(sing twice)**

**Reading:** from *Radical Acceptance* by Tara Brach, Ph.D., pp. 24-25

Read by Nancy Robertson

**Choir Anthem:** "I Am That Great and Fiery Force" **(found in STLT #27)**  
Josquin Desprez (1445-1521)  
arr. Anthony Petti with text by Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179)

**Sermon** "Radical Acceptance" (or Saying 'Yes' to Life)  
Rev. Ann C. Fox

**Offering:** "Yearning" Mark Hayes

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: # 288**, "All Are Architects"

**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** "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"  
American Air: "John Brown's Body", arr. John Carter

**Next Week's Service:** Flower Celebration

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.