

**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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**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:**

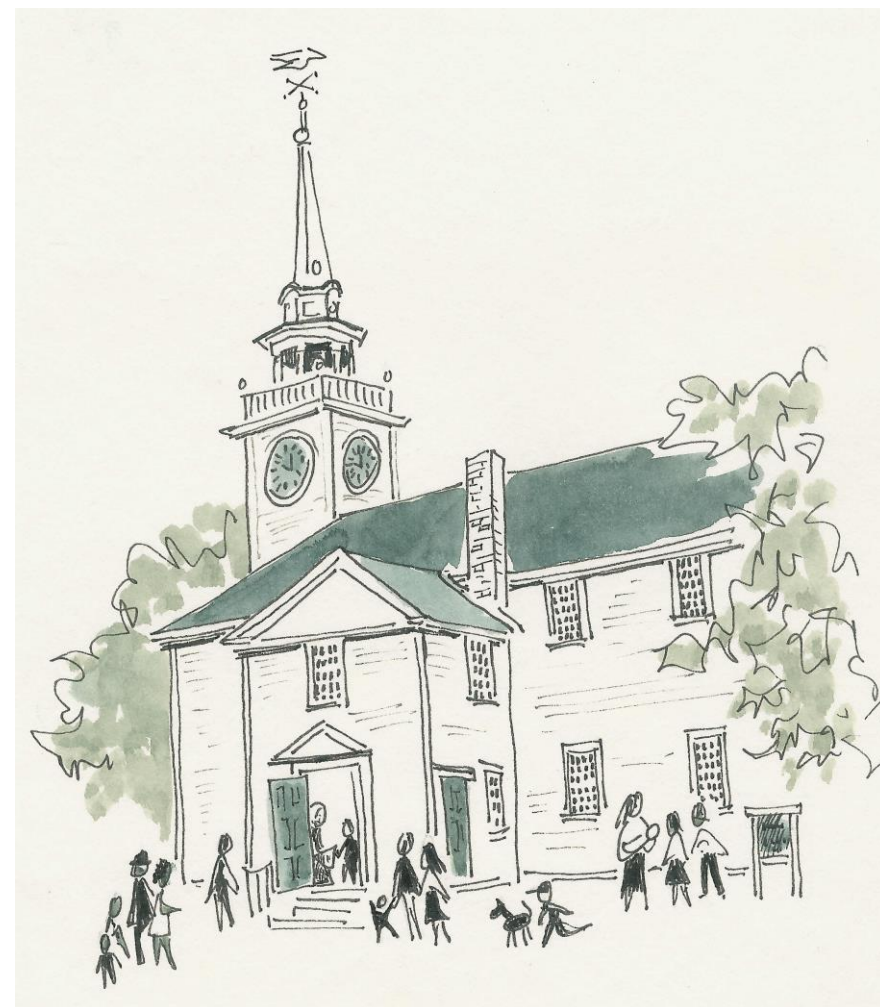
Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 11:00a -7:00p.  
Please contact the Parish Office or Dan to schedule an appointment.

**May 2023**

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**Thank You:**

**Worship Associate:** Beverley Burgess  
**Coffee Hour:** Charlie Dattola and Mark Dunne  
**Usher(s):** Holly Harris  
**Flowers:** Given by Lisa Dunne



**Sunday, May 7, 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**  
**Minister: Rev. Dan Harper**

**Welcome** Dan Harper

**Prelude** "Welcome, Happy Morning!"  
Frances R. Havergal, arr. John Sciveyner

**Opening Words:** "A Faith without Certainty" (see insert)

**Hymn:** #1018, "Come and Go with Me"

**Unison Chalice Lighting Words:** by Kok-Heong McNaughton  
I am but a drop of water. Alone, I would disappear. Dried up by the scorching sun or sucked up by the dry, thirsty earth. But together, we can wear out stones, carve out the Grand Canyon, make streams and rivers, and find our way to the sea."

**Moment for All Ages**

**Hymn:** #118, "This Little Light of Mine" verse 1

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

**Prayer and Meditation**

**Hymn in Response:** #391, "Voice Still and Small"

**Readings:** from American Religion: Contemporary Trends,  
by Mark Chaves  
from "Why I am a UU: An Asian Immigrant Perspective,"  
by Kok Heong McNaughton

**Choir Anthem:** "The Pasture"  
Text: Robert Frost, Music: Randall Thompson  
Dedicated to the Townspeople of Amherst, Massachusetts,  
1759-1959

**Sermon:** "Who Are We, Anyway?" – Dan Harper

**Offering:** "Arigato" Naoko Ikeda

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:** # 121, "We'll Build a Land"

**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:** "Recessional"  
from Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music;  
attr. to Freeman Lewis (1813), arr. Marilyn Ham

**Next Week's Service:** "Mother's Peace Day"

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.

**Please join us for coffee hour** across the street at the Parish House directly following today's service.