

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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Minister: Rev. Dan Harper
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Parish Committee:
Holly Harris, Chair; Annie Spang, Vice Chair;
Pete Parker, Treasurer; At-Large Members:
Beverley Burgess, Abe Murray, Tara Volungis

Rev. Dan Harper's Office Hours:
Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 9:30a -5:00p.
Please contact the Parish Office or Dan to schedule an appointment.

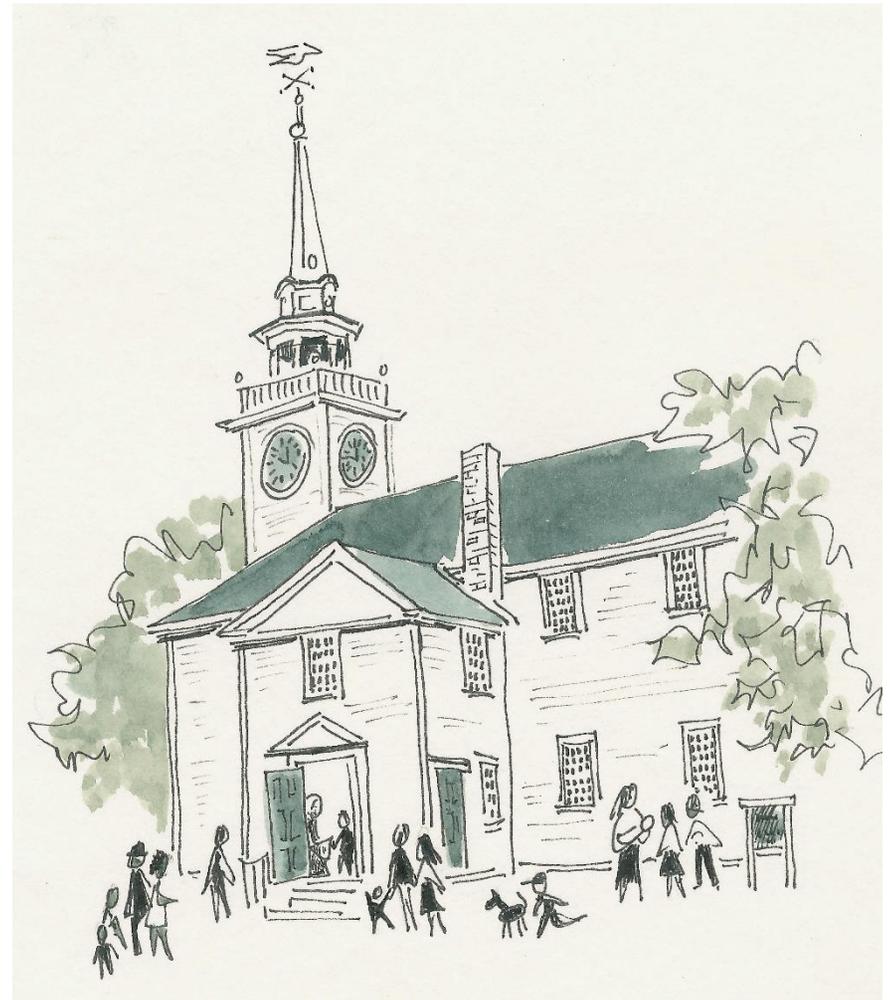
September 2023
Care Circle Coordinator / Nancy Robertson
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Thank You:

Coffee Hour: Pete Parker & the Brunch Team
Worship Associate: Carol Martin
Usher: Annie Spang
Flowers: Given by Annie Spang to welcome everyone back!



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."**



**Ingathering Sunday and Water Ritual
September 10th, 2023**

Order of Service

Welcome Dan Harper

Prelude: "Bright Morning Star" American Folk Song
Sung by the Adult Choir

Opening Words: "Stream of Life" by Rabindranath Tagore

Hymn: #346, "Come Sing a Song with Me"

Unison Chalice Lighting Words: Kate Sullivan
We light this chalice as we come together, to celebrate who we are, to share the insights that give meaning and hope to our lives, to learn from the wisdom of others, that their truths may contribute to our understanding. We gather, we share, we learn; We celebrate our coming together. ~Ann Peart

Candles of Joy, Sorrow, and Concern: Dan Harper

Prayer and Meditation

Hymn in response #123, "Spirit of Life"

Collecting the Water - Kate Sullivan and Dan Harper
"Water Reverie" Christine Brown

Moment for All Ages "The Story of Water"
-- Dan Harper and Kate Sullivan

Song -- "Swimming to the Other Side" by Pat Humphries –
sung by campers and counselors from Ecojustice Camp

Readings -- from the original 1980 Water Ritual
~Carol Martin

Choir Anthem: "More Than Welcome Here"
Bryan Sirchio and Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

Homily: Dan Harper

Offering: "Meditation" Jules Massenet

Blessing the Water

Plate: The **September** Outreach plate collection will be used to support a First Parish team going to help pack food for End Hunger New England. End Hunger New England is part of a group called the Outreach Program, which is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation that organizes food packaging events around the country. End Hunger NE provides food to shelters and food pantries throughout New England and in the Ukraine. End Hunger NE is located in Pembroke, MA, and holds food packing events where volunteers come to the facility to package dried meals.

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: "Joy in My Soul" Mark Hayes

Next Week's Service: "Why I Don't Pray (But Maybe You Should)"

Join us after today's service for **brunch during coffee hour** across the street at the Parish House. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!