

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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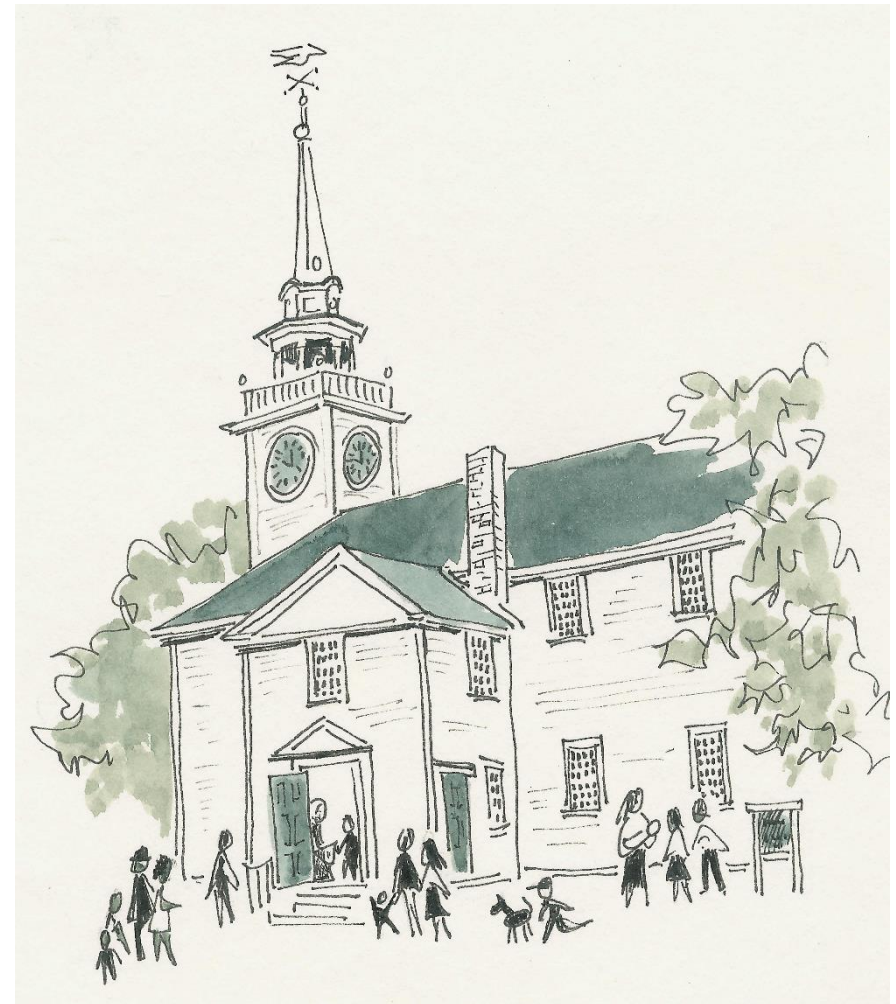
Minister: Rev. Dan Harper
Director of Religious Education: Dr. Kate Sullivan
Music Director: Mary Beth Courtright

Parish Committee:
Holly Harris, Chair; Annie Spang, Vice Chair;
Pete Parker, Treasurer; Caroline Struzziero, Clerk;
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: Steve & Susan George
Worship Associate: Mary Toropov
Usher: Nancy Robertson & Beverley Burgess
Flowers: Nancy Robertson



September 17th, 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

Welcome Dan Harper

Prelude: "For the Beauty of the Earth"
Folliot S. Pierpoint and Conrad Kocher, arr. Phillip Keveren

Opening Words: "Commitment" by Dorothy Day

Hymn: #153, "Woke Up This Morning"

Unison Chalice Lighting Words: #636, "Bless Us with Peace"

Moment for All Ages: Mary Beth Courtright and Mike Nakashima

Hymn: #118, "This Little Light," verse 1

Candles of Joy, Sorrow, and Concern: Dan Harper

Prayer and Meditation

Hymn in response #391, "Voice Still and Small"

Readings -- Mary Toropov

Choir Anthem: "Life is a Waltz" Edwin P. Grobe, 1976

Sermon: "Why I Don't Pray (But Maybe You Should)"
Dan Harper

Offering: "Meditation" Jules Massenet (1842-1912)

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: #298, "Wake Now My Senses," verses 1-3

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: "Récession"
Auguste Chérion (1854-1904) edit. Charles Callahan

Next Week's Service: "The Ways" by Guest Leader,
poet & professor, Everett Hoagland

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