

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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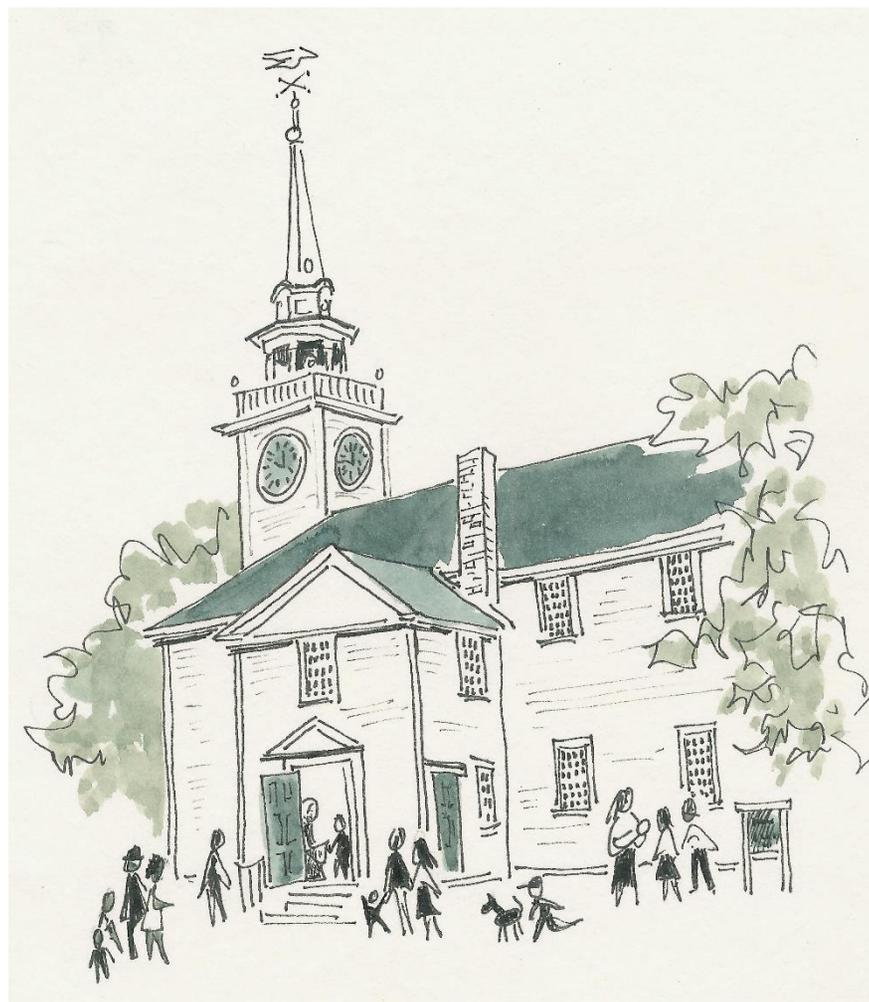
Parish Committee:
Holly Harris, Chair; Annie Spang, Vice Chair;
Pete Parker, Treasurer; Caroline Struzziero, Clerk;
At-Large Members:
Beverley Burgess, Abe Murray, Tara Volungis

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.

October 2023 Care Circle Coordinator:
Pat Baird / patbaird65@gmail.com / (781) 929-9585

Thank You:

Worship Associate: Beverley Burgess
Guest Musician: Aidan Courtright
Coffee Hour: Nancy Robertson and Sandy Allen
Ushers: Steve and Margie Brown
Flowers: Given by Sandy Allen in honor of all of our pets!



October 15th, 2023

If you would like to give to this morning's offering online, please use the first QR code above. In the comments field, **please write "Sunday offering."**
Scan the other two codes to follow us on FaceBook and Instagram!

Order of Service
Minister: Reverend Dan Harper

Welcome Dan Harper

Prelude: "The Shadow That Never Leaves"
Aidan Courtright, Steel Tongue Drum
Based on a poem by Lord Buddha
**see insert*

Opening Words: From "Interbeing" by Thich Nhat Hanh

Hymn: #1047, "Nada Te Turbe"

Unison Chalice Lighting Words: #595

Moment for All Ages: Aidan Courtright

Hymn: #118, "This Little Light"

Candles of Joy, Sorrow, and Concern

Prayer and Meditation

Hymn in response: #123, "Spirit of Life"

Readings: From "Why I Am Not a Buddhist" by Evan Thompson
From "The Heart of the Buddha-Dharma"
by Rev. Takashi Kenryu Tsuji
(Read by Beverley Burgess)

Choir Anthem: "One Word" - * see insert
Words by Buddha and Lau Tzu,
additional words and music by Robert I. Hugh

Sermon: "Why I'm Not a Buddhist (But Maybe You Should Be)"
- Dan Harper

Offering: "Be a Bud" Aidan Courtright, Handpan
Based on a poem of the same name by Thich Nhat Hahn

The October Outreach collection will be used to support End Hunger New England, (EHNE). EHNE provides food to shelters and food pantries throughout New England and in the Ukraine. EHNE is located in Pembroke, MA, and holds food packing events where volunteers come to the facility to package dried meals. First Parish will have a team volunteering in January '24.

Closing Hymn: #95, "There Is More Love"

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: "Road Home" Bradley Jacobsen

Next Week's Service: "Is It Religion, pt. 2: Christian Nationalism"

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