

**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; 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.

**Dec 16-31, 2023 / Care Circle Coordinator**  
Joan Kovach / 339-203-0005 / [joanstackkovach@gmail.com](mailto:joanstackkovach@gmail.com)

**Worship Associate:**

**Coffee:**

**Usher(s):**

**Quilt on Display:**

**Wreaths:**

**Thank You:**

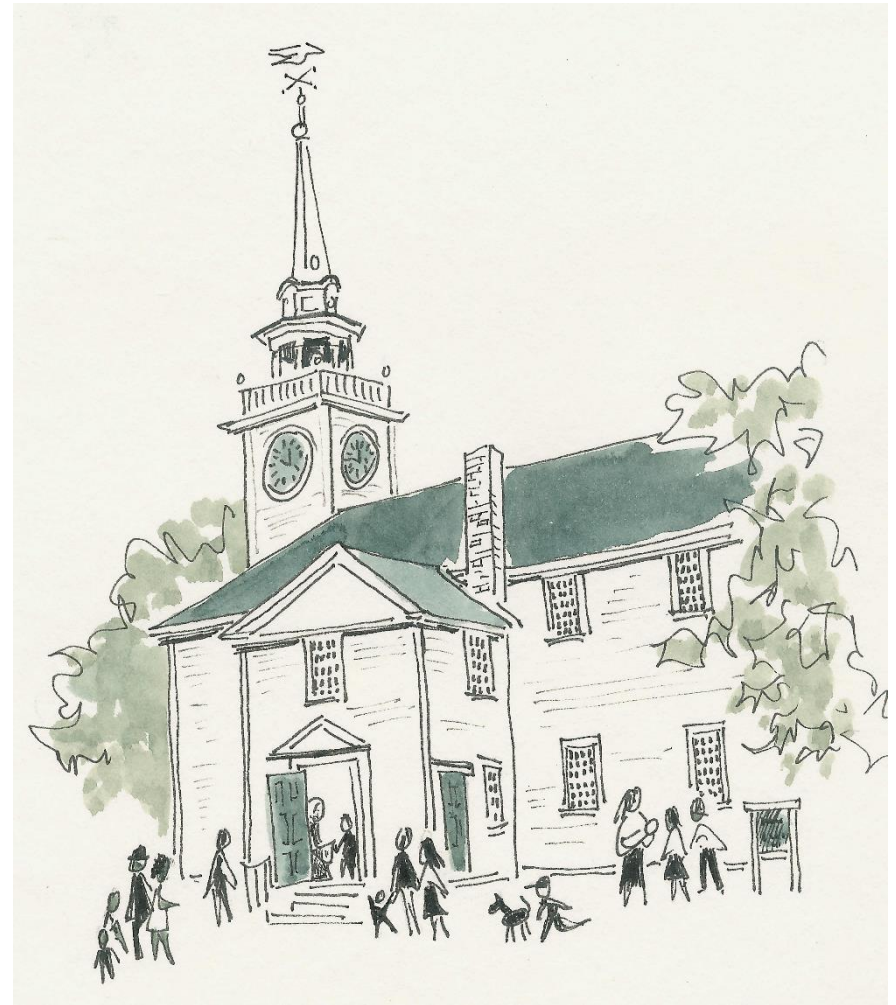
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Dan Harper (!)

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**December 24th, 2023  
(Christmas Eve Morning, 10am)**



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](#)."  
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**Order of Service**  
**Minister: Reverend Dan Harper**

**Welcome** Dan Harper

**Prelude:** "What the Moon Saw" Brad Jacobsen

**Opening Words:** -- "Winter Solstice Chant" by Annie Finch  
Vines, leaves, roots of darkness, growing, now you are uncurled  
and cover our eyes with the edge of winter sky leaning over us in  
icy stars. Vines, leaves, roots of darkness, growing, come with  
your seasons, your fullness, your end.

**Hymn:** #277, "When We Wend Homeward"

**Unison Chalice Lighting Words: #542, "Solstice"**

**Poem:** "In the Bus" by Grace Paley

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

**Prayer and Meditation** - Dan

**Hymn in response: #55, "Dark of Winter"**

**Readings:** "John" by Lucille Clifton  
"Christmas Carol" by William Robert Spencer  
Read by Nancy Robertson

**Musical Interlude:** Bring a Torch, Jeannette Isabella" John Purifoy  
Based on a 17<sup>th</sup> century French carol

**Sermon:** "Five Yuletide Songs: Here We Come A-Wassailing,  
Jingle Bells, Go Tell It on the Mountains, Good King Wenceslas,  
and Jolly Old St. Nicholas"

**Offering:** "Silver Bells" Jay Livingston and Ray Evans

The Plate Share for the month of December goes to **Common Hope** to provide sponsorship for **Katherine Daniela Ixcoy Santos**. Our sponsorship of Katherine, through Common Hope, ensures that she is able to continue her schooling and that her family receives regular visits from social workers as well as "gifts" of emergency food supplies and medical attention, when needed.

**Closing Hymn: #245, "Joy to the World"**

**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:** "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" Felix Mendelssohn,  
arr. David Cherwien

**Next Week's Service:** "It's Time for Hope" at the Parish House

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