

**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.

**May 2024 / Care Circle Coordinator**  
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**Worship Associate:**

Mary Toropov

**Coffee Hour:**

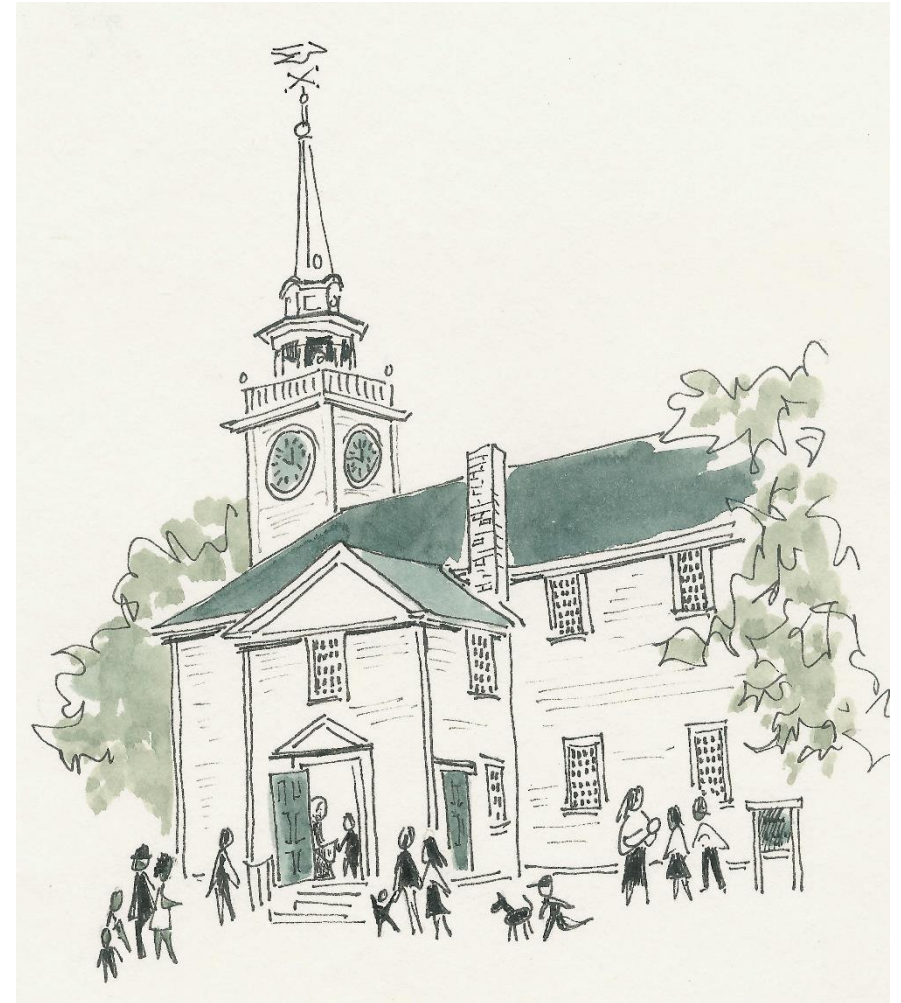
The Volungis Family

**Usher(s):**

Ron and Shirley Wallace

**Flowers:**

Given by Ron and Shirley Wallace



**May 5th, 2024**



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**Order of Service**  
**Minister: Rev. Dan Harper**

**Welcome**

**Prelude:** "Joy!" (Beethoven a la Brubeck)  
Tune: HYMN TO JOY by Ludwig von Beethoven,  
arr. William Allen Pasch (b. 1948)

**Opening Words:** "Clear Skies, Clear Sea"  
anon. Vietnamese poem, trans. John Balaban

**Hymn:** "Bright Morning Stars"

**Unison Chalice Lighting Words: #447**

**New Member Recognition!**

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

**Prayer and Meditation -**

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

**Readings:** from "Darshan Singh and Christian Harmony,"  
by Coleman Barks

from "Singing Psalms in Church," by John Calvin

"The Singer with a Bad Voice"  
Vietnamese folk poem, trans. John Balaban

(Read by Mary Toropov)

**Choir Anthem:** "In These Hard Times" Linda Hirschorn  
*Inspired by a Bertolt Brecht quote:*  
*"In the dark times will there also be singing?*  
*Yes, there will also be singing about the dark times."*

**Sermon:** "Why We Sing What We Sing" - Dan

**Offering:** "Reflections on *Amazing Grace*"  
Tune: NEW BRITAIN, Anonymous 19<sup>th</sup> cen. American Appalachian melody. First appeared in *Columbian Harmony* (1829), then set to the text of "Amazing Grace" in *Virginia Harmony*, 1831, arr. Dennis Janzer (b. 1954)

Our "**Share the Plate**" for **May and June** will be directed to the **Massachusetts Immigrant Collaborative**, a statewide collaborative of 15 immigrant serving organizations, working with immigrants to support their long-term economic mobility while seeking to address urgent needs such as cash and food assistance, immigration legal services and education, worker's rights and workforce readiness, and access to a broad range of services and opportunities that each partner organization provides.

**Closing Hymn: #1053, "How Could Anyone"**

**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:** "How Can I Keep from Singing?"  
Tune: ENDLESS SONG by Robert Lowry (1826-1899),  
arr. Mark Hayes

**Next Week's Service:** "What Kind of Teacher Are You?"

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