

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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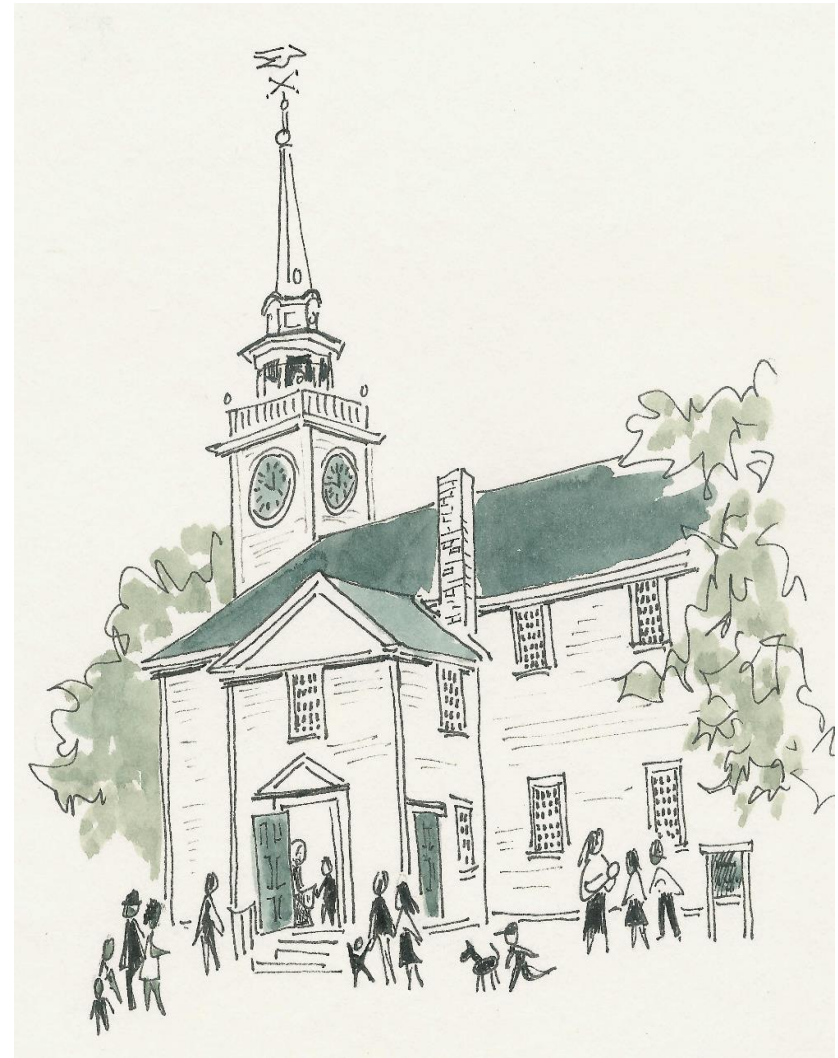
Parish Committee:
Tara Volungis, Chair; Bev Burgess, Vice Chair;
Pete Parker, Treasurer; Susan George, Clerk;
At-Large Members:
Nancy Robertson, Peter Sexton, and Caroline Struzziero

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.

December 2024 / Care Circle Coordinator
Bev Burgess / 781-929-4333 / bevbουργess@aol.com

Thank You:

Worship Associate:	Beverley Burgess
Coffee Hour:	The Volungis Family
Usher(s):	Steve and Susan George
Flowers:	Holiday Poinsettias



December 22nd, 2024



If you would like to [give to this morning's offering online](#), please use the first [QR code above](#). Please write "[Sunday offering](#)" in the comments. Scan the other two codes to follow us on Facebook and Instagram!

Order of Service
Rev. Dan Harper

Welcome

Prelude: "What the Moon Saw" Brad Jacobsen

Opening Words: #542, "Solstice"

Hymn: "Here We Come A-Wassailing" (*see insert)

Unison Chalice Lighting Words: We are caught in a web of stars, cradled in a swaying embrace, rocked by the holy night, babes of the universe. Let this be the time we wake to life, in the moment of winter solstice. -- Rebecca Parker

Moment for All Ages

Hymn: #235, "Deck the Hall"

Candles of Joy, Sorrow, and Concern

Prayer and Meditation –

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

Readings: from "Shapechangers in Winter" by Margaret Atwood
"Winter Solstice Chant" by Annie Finch
Read by Bev Burgess

Choir Anthem: "Winter Solstice" Gene Grier and Lowell Everson
Bells: Alicia Svenson, Dan Harper, Rue Wilson

Sermon: "Winter Solstice" - Dan

Offering: "Snowfall" Claude Thornhill, arr. Phillip Keversen
(Inspired by Debussy's "En bateau" from *Petite Suite*)

Our Share the Plate through December is **Sunflower of Peace**. Sunflower of Peace provides life-saving medical and humanitarian aid to Ukrainians affected by the Russian military invasion. Sunflower of Peace is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a main office in Newton, MA. They provide and distribute medical backpacks, generators, gas masks, and other urgent needs. Our goal is to provide \$10,000 for an ambulance and several backpacks for \$1000 each. Your donation will be supplemented by a contribution from the First Parish Outreach Fund.

Closing Hymn: "Jingle Bells" (*see insert)

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: "Winter's Tale" Brad Jacobsen

Next Week's Sunday Service: "New Year Wishes"

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

Join us this Tuesday, 12/24/24, @ 5pm for our Christmas Eve candlelight service. All are welcome!