

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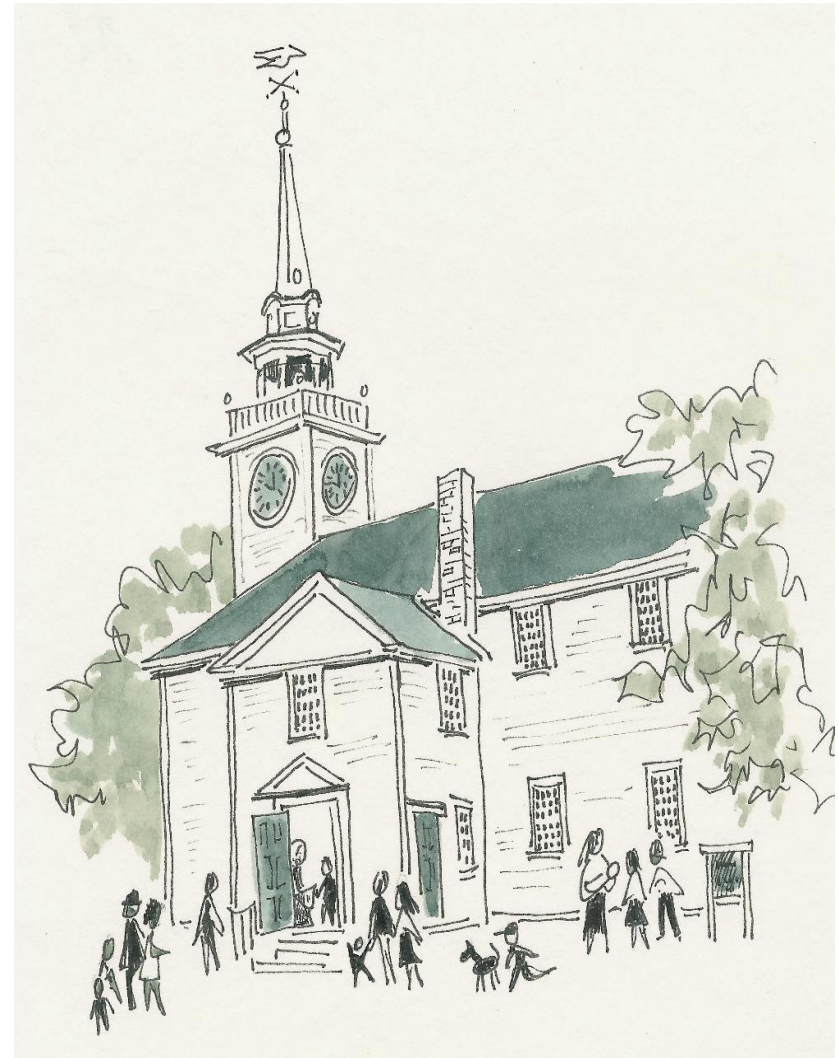
**Minister:** Rev. Dan Harper  
**Director of Religious Education:** Dr. Kate Sullivan  
**Music Director:** Mary Beth Courtright

**Parish Committee:**  
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.

**February 2025 / Care Circle Coordinator**  
**Mary Parker / 781-383-9152 / maryparker250@gmail.com**

**Worship Associate:** Carol Martin  
**Coffee Hour:** Annie Spang and Will Cowen  
**Usher(s):** Carol Martin  
**Flowers:** Given by Nancy Robertson "for love - in all its forms,  
and in hopes that there will be more of it in the future."



**February 16th, 2025**



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:** “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” CHEREPONI,  
a Ghanian Folk Song, adapt. Tom Colvin, Setting by John Carter

**Opening Words:**

There are highways in the soul,  
Heights like pyramids that rise  
Far beyond earth veiled skies  
Sweeping through the barless skies  
O'er the line where daylight dies —  
There are highways in the soul!  
— Georgia Douglas Johnson

**Hymn: #149**, “Lift Every Voice and Sing”

**Unison Chalice Lighting Words:**

-- Grant to me that I be made beautiful in my inward soul, and  
that my outward person be in harmony with my inner self. May  
I consider the wise person to be rich; and may I only have such  
wealth as a self-restrained person can bear.  
— attributed to Socrates

**Moment for All Ages:** Mary Beth Courtright  
“Wayfaring Stranger” (\*see insert)

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

**Prayer and Meditation –**

**Hymn in response: #1045**, “There Is a Balm in Gilead”

**Readings:** *from* “Civil Religion in America” by Robert N. Bellah  
*from* an interview with Jonardon Ganeri / *Read by* Carol Martin

**Choir Anthem:** “When the World Goes Wrong” Sharon Scholl

**Sermon:** “The Presidency and Our Civil Religion” - Dan

**Offering:** “The Star Spangled Banner” STARS AND STRIPES,  
John Stafford Smith, arr. John Carter

Our Plate Share for February continues in support of  
**Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism.** BLUU is committed to  
expanding the power and capacity of Black UUs within  
Unitarian Universalism; providing support, information, and  
resources for Black Unitarian Universalists; and justice-making  
and liberation for Black people through our faith.

**Closing Hymn: #134**, “Our World Is One 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:** “Honey” R. Nathaniel Dett (1882-1943)

**Next Week's Service:** “Peacemaking in a Conflicted World”

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