

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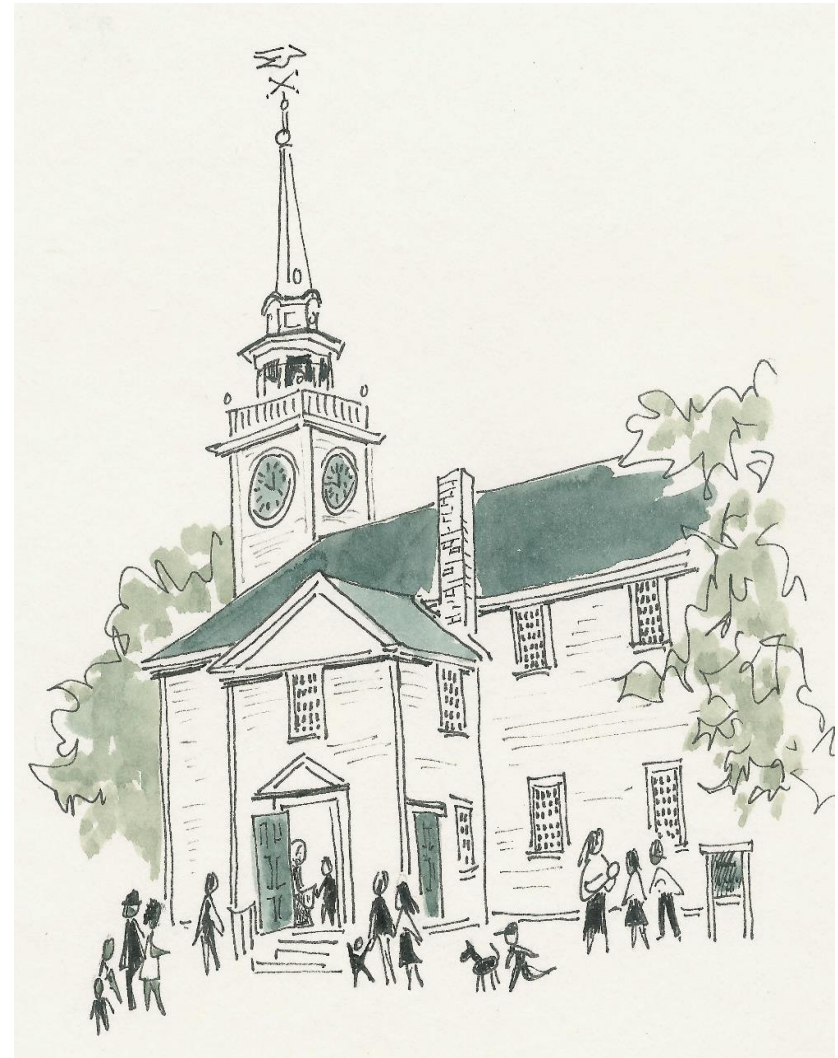
Parish Committee:
Tara Volungis, Chair; Bev Burgess, Vice Chair;
Pete Parker, Treasurer; Susan George, Clerk;
At-Large Members:
Nancy Robertson, Peter Sexton, and Caroline Struzziero

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.

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

Thank You:

Worship Associate: Beverley Burgess
Coffee Hour: Alicia Svenson
Usher(s): Jane Goedecke and Holly Harris
Flowers: Given by JoAnne and Woody Chittick in honor
and in memory of their mothers, Eleanor Thoburn and Barbara Chittick.



**First Parish in Cohasset
May 11th, 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: "Bells in the Piazza" Steve and Ashley Danyew

Opening Words: #420

Opening Hymn: Lean on Me (*see insert)

Unison Chalice Lighting Words:

We light this chalice for mothers and mothering;
to celebrate those who have taken on the task of nurturing a
young one-baby, child, or youth-into adulthood;
to celebrate those who have nourished the light of truth and
compassion in growing minds and hearts;
to celebrate those who have committed time, money,
energy to the growth of others in this world.
We light this chalice to celebrate and hold dear this flame of
love. ~ By Claudene (Deane) Oliva

Moment for All Ages: Kate Sullivan

Hymn: #16, "'Tis a Gift To Be Simple"

Candles of Joy, Sorrow, and Concern – Dan Harper

Prayer and Meditation – Dan Harper

Hymn in response: #1002, "Comfort Me"

Reading(s): "Ella Mason and Her Eleven Cats" by Sylvia Plath
"Mother's Day" by Bruce Lansky
(Read by Beverley Burgess)

Choir Anthem: "Begin with the Heart"
Words: Julian of Norwich; Music: Leah Hokanson

Sermon: "Changing Motherhood"

Offering: "In Her Family" Pat Methany

Our "**Share the Plate**" for **May and June** will be directed to supporting the important work of the **Louis D. Brown Peace Institute (LDBPI)**. The LDBPI is a center of healing, teaching, and learning for families and communities impacted by murder, trauma, grief, and loss. Since 1994, the Peace Institute has been a leader in homicide response, violence prevention, and peacebuilding, filling a gap in much-needed services while developing an innovative, effective model that leads the field of Community Violence Intervention.

Closing Hymn: #354, "We Laugh, We Cry"

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: "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"
Trad. Caribbean tune; setting by Sherri Hansen

Next Week's Service: "RE Sunday"

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