

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
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Parish Committee:
Tara Volungis, Chair; Bev Burgess, Vice Chair;
Pete Parker, Treasurer; Susan George, Clerk;
At-Large Members:
Peter Sexton, Ngoc DuPont, and Micah Mulder

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.

September 2025 / Care Circle Coordinator
Nancy Robertson/ 781-492-3401 / nancyrobertson101@gmail.com

Thank You:

Coffee Hour: Men's Circle Ministry
Usher(s): Sandy Allen and Beverley Burgess
Flowers: Given by Nancy Robertson in memory of her grandmother, Gertrude Shallenberger Schoeppe, who was born 130 years ago today.



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**First Parish in Cohasset
In-Gathering Water Ritual
September 7th, 2025**

Order of Service
Rev. Dan Harper

Welcome:

Prelude: "Sing" Joe Raposo

Opening Words: #537, "Our Whole System"

Opening Hymn: #346, "Come Sing a Song with Me"

Unison Chalice Lighting Words:

#564, "Love is not Concerned," Alice Walker

Candles of Joy, Sorrow, and Concern

Moment for All Ages: Kate and Dan, "Connected by Water"

Collecting the Water: Kate and Dan

Blessing the Water: Dan

Guided Meditation: "Like a River, We Belong" - Kate

Sung Response: "Swimming to the Other Side" by Pat Humphries
(*see insert)

Choir Anthem: "More Than Welcome Here"
Bryan Sirchio and Richard Bruxvoort Colligan;
piano arr: Sherri Hansen

Sunday school departs - Kate

Readings:

"Notes from a Pioneer on a Speck in Space" by Lew Welch
"Set the Garden on Fire" by Chen Chen

Homily: Dan

Offering: "Water of Life" Brad Jacobsen

Our "**Share the Plate**" for **September and October** will be directed to supporting **Common Hope** to provide sponsorship for **Katherine Daniela Ixcoy Santos**. Our sponsorship of Katherine 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: #1064, "Blue Boat Home"

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: "What About Assisted Dying?"

Join us after today's service across the street at the Parish House for our **annual in-gathering brunch**. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!