

**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:  
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](mailto:nancyrobertson101@gmail.com)  
**Thank You:**

**Worship Associate:** Carol Martin  
**Coffee Hour:** The Mulder Family  
**Usher(s):** Joan and Larry Lunt  
**Flowers:** Given by Carol Martin in celebration of the September birthdays of two of her grandsons, Jonah Matkin and Gabriel Fredette, who were born one day shy of a year apart.



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**First Parish in Cohasset  
September 21st, 2025**

**Order of Service**  
**Rev. Ann Fox**

***"We need joy as we need air. We need love as we need water. We need each other as we need the earth we share."***

**—Maya Angelou**

**Welcome:** Carol Martin

**Prelude:** "Burung Kakak Tua" (The Cockatoo)  
Malay/Indonesian Folk Song, arr. Charmaine Siagian

**Unison Opening Words:** #708, from Isaiah 655

**Opening Hymn:** #29, "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

**Unison Chalice Lighting Words:** Carol Martin

**Moment for All Ages:** Dr. Kate Sullivan

**Song:** "Be Open" Debbie Nargi-Brown

**Candles of Joy, Sorrow, and Concern:** Carol Martin

**Prayer and Meditation:** Rev. Ann

**Hymn in Response:** #395, "Sing and Rejoice" (sing twice)

**Reading:** from "The Great Surmise" by Carl Scovel  
*Read by Rev. Ann*

**Choir Anthem:** "We Give Thanks"  
Wendy Luella Perkins, arr. Susan Peck

**Sermon:** "Joy Matters" – Rev. Ann

**Offering:** "Bluebird" Alexis Ffrench

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:** #95, "There Is More Love Somewhere"

**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:** "Joy in My Soul" Mark Hayes

**Next Week:** "What Do You Do with Grief?"

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