

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.

October 2025 / Care Circle Coordinator
Sandy Allen / 603-359-7444 / sandy02025@gmail.com

Thank You:

Worship Associate: Mary Toropov
Coffee Hour: Carol Steinfeld and the congregation
Usher(s): Susan and Stephen Etkind
Flowers: Given by Ngoc Dupont in honor of her sister, Kaitlyn,
and her niece, Brooklyn, whose birthdays are in October.



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 code to follow us on FaceBook!



**First Parish in Cohasset
October 5th, 2025**

Order of Service
Rev. Dan Harper

Welcome:

Prelude: "Shall We Gather at the River?" Traditional; arr. Lee Evans

Opening Words: Isaiah 58:6-8

Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen:
to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the
yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?
Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the
poor wanderer with shelter— when you see the naked, to
clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and
blood? Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your
healing will quickly appear.

Opening Hymn: "This Joy" (*see insert)

Chalice Lighting Words: #505

Moment for All Ages: "How To Feed Five Thousand People"
- Dan

Song: "Be Open" Debbie Nargi-Brown

Candles of Joy, Sorrow, and Concern

Prayer and Meditation

Hymn in Response: #1045, "There is a Balm in Gilead"

Readings: from "Living in the Shadow of the
American Dream" by Andrew Tait
from "Oliver Twist" by Charles Dickens
Read by Mary Toropov

Choir Anthem: "When We Sing Together" Lia Davis

Sermon: "White Poverty" - Dan

Offering: "Bridge Over Troubled Water"
Paul Simon; arr. Carol Tornquist

Our "**Share the Plate**" for **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: "When We Sing Together" Lia Davis

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: "What the World Needs Now"
Lyrics: Hal David; Music: Burt Bacharach

Next Week: "What Are Our Visions for the Future?"

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