

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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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
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Worship Associate:	Thank You:
Coffee Hour:	Micah Mulder
Usher(s):	Carol Martin and Sue Stewart
Flowers:	Joan and Larry Lunt
	Given by Mary and Pete Parker



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**First Parish in Cohasset
October 12th, 2025**

Order of Service
Rev. Dan Harper

Welcome:

Prelude: “Jelly Jig” American country dance, arr. Albert H. Stanley

Opening Words: The first, best, and greatest aim we have may be to gather here on Sunday mornings and remind ourselves that certain values exist in the universe and in human character; that the ultimate reality behind the reality is goodness of spirit; and that in some way, through the efforts of sincere people who give their best to the world and try to improve their best, goodness lives. -- Rev. Roscoe Trueblood

Opening Hymn: “When We Sing Together” (*see insert)

Chalice Lighting Words: The flaming chalice has become the symbol of Unitarians and Universalists around the world: in Nigeria, India, Australia, Argentina, Romania, Canada, and beyond. We light this chalice for people like us around the world who uphold religious freedom and the search for truth and goodness.

Moment for All Ages: Special demonstration with Dan Harper

Song: “Be Open” – Debbie Nargi-Brown
Be open for something wonderful to happen.
Be open to the possibilities.

Candles of Joy, Sorrow, and Concern

Prayer and Meditation

Hymn in Response: #1053, “How Could Anyone?”

Readings: “A Center” by Ha Jin
excerpt from “Song of the Open Road” by Walt Whitman
Read by Micah Mulder

Choir Anthem: “Becoming” Mary Grigolia, arr. Clif Hardin
Integrating “the declaration of the mystical Hebrew nameless One: “I am who I’m becoming” (four Hebrew letters – yod hay vav hay - misrepresented as ‘Jehovah’), expanding through each and all of us.” -M. Grigolia

Sermon: “What Are Our Visions for the Future?” - Dan

Offering: “Yearning” Mark Hayes

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: #131, “Love Will Guide Us”

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: “Looking Forward”
Rebecca Sugar, Steven Velema, Aivi Tran; arr. Jon Pumper

Next Week: “Holy Curiosity” – Pulpit Guest, Matt Meyer

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