

**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;  
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At-Large Members:  
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.

**November 2025 / Care Circle Coordinator**  
**Pat Baird / 781-929-9585 / patbaird65@gmail.com**

**Thank You:**  
**Worship Associate:** Nancy Robertson  
**Coffee Hour:** Margie and Steve Brown  
**Usher(s):** Holly Harris and Charlie Dattola  
**Flowers:** Given by Susan and Steve George  
in honor of Rev. Bob's visit here today!



**First Parish in Cohasset  
November 16th, 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 code to follow us on FaceBook!**

**Order of Service**  
**Rev. Bob McKetchnie, Minister Emeritus**

**Welcome:** Nancy Robertson, Worship Associate

**Prelude:** Čučica Piščenka (Come Chicken) Ivo Lhotka-Kalinski

**Opening Words:** "The Spiral" by Janine C. Hills (adapted)

We think in lines. We speak in beginnings and endings, births and deaths. But life unfolds not in lines, but in spirals. A seed returns to earth. A sprout becomes a tree, becomes shelter, becomes soil again. We become who we are not by crossing a finish line but by circling, deepening, widening. Life returns again and again—to love, to loss, to longing. And still, we grow. Still, we become.

**Opening Hymn: #21**, "For the Beauty of the Earth"

**Unison Chalice Lighting Words:** "I Breathe" by Craig Rowland

As we light this chalice, may each breath remind us of  
The sacred rhythm of life, the pulse of creation, and the  
Power we hold to shape the world around us.

**Moment for All Ages:** led by Bob McKetchnie

**Hymn: #413**, "Go Now in Peace"

**Candles of Joy, Sorrow, and Concern**

**Prayer and Meditation**

**Hymn in Response: #123**, "Spirit of Life"

**Readings:** "A Summer Day" by Mary Oliver  
"Now I Become Myself" by May Sarton  
Read by Nancy Robertson

**Choir Anthem:** The Lone, Wild Bird  
Words: Henry Richard McFadyen (1877-1964);  
Music: *Prospect*, a Southern Folktune, arr. David N. Johnson

**Sermon:** "Which Came First?" – Rev. Bob

**Offering:** Bluebird Alexis Ffrench

Our "**Share the Plate**" for **November and December** will be designated for the **Cohasset Community Assistance Fund, (CCAF)**. This fund was established by a group of concerned citizens, local clergy, and community leaders, to support Cohasset residents experiencing food insecurity or a crisis situation. The goal of the fund is to provide immediate, short term financial assistance. This could include providing money for home bills, medical care, childcare, appliances, and even cars.

**Closing Hymn: #163**, "For the Earth Forever Turning"

**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:** Starlight Stories Wynn-Anne Rossi

**Next Week:** "Give Thanks"

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