

**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:  
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**

**Worship Associate:** Beverley Burgess  
**Coffee Hour:** The Dupont Family  
**Usher(s):** Holly Harris and Charlie Dattola  
**Flowers:** Given by Nancy Robertson



**First Parish in Cohasset  
November 23rd, 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. Dan Harper**

**Welcome:** Beverley Burgess, Worship Associate

**Prelude:** "For the Beauty of the Earth"  
Margaretha Christina de Jong (b.1961)  
(incorporating DIX by Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872)

**Opening Words:**

The lands around our dwellings are more beautiful  
On the day when it is given to us to see  
People we have never seen before.  
All is more beautiful,  
All is more beautiful,  
And life is thankfulness. -- Takornaq

**Opening Hymn:** "Over the River and Through the Wood"  
(\*see insert)

**Chalice Lighting Words:** This flame sends forth its far-spreading  
luster, bright, radiant, and luminous. Its splendor shines forth  
like gold, and awakens our longing thoughts. -- The Rig Veda

**Moment for All Ages:** "The Old Story of Thanksgiving"  
Kate and Dan

**Hymn:** #16, "'Tis a Gift to be Simple"

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

**Prayer and Meditation**

**Hymn in Response:** #395, "Sing and Rejoice"

**Readings:** "Since you've come" by Jimmy Santiago Baca  
"Life Doesn't Frighten Me" by Maya Angelou  
Read by Beverley Burgess

**Choir Anthem:** "Thanksgiving Song"  
Mary Chapin Carpenter

**Sermon:** "Giving Thanks" – Dan

**Offering:** "Rockingham Meeting House"  
Steve Danyew, ed. Ashley Danyew  
(incorporating *Simple Gifts* by Joseph Brackett, 1848)

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:** "We Give Thanks" (\*see insert)

**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 a Wonderful World"  
George David Weiss and Bob Thiele, arr. Carol Tornquist

**Next Week:** "The Ethics of Housing"

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