

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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Office: (781) 383-1100, admin@firstparishcohasset.org
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Minister: Rev. Dan Harper

Director of Religious Education: Dr. Kate Sullivan

Music Director: Mary Beth Courtright

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.

December 2025 / Care Circle Coordinator

Joan Kovach / 339-203-0005 / joanstackkovach@gmail.com

Thank You:

Worship Associate:	Nancy Robertson
Coffee Hour:	The Volungis Family
Usher(s):	Steve and Susan George
Flowers:	Poinsettia Plants



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
December 21st, 2025

Order of Service
Rev. Dan Harper

Welcome:

Prelude: "Wendeyaho" ("I am of the Great Spirit, It Is So")
Native American morning song, arr. Hilton Kean Jones

Opening Words: To see a world in a grain of sand And a heaven in a wild flower, Hold infinity in the palm of your hand And eternity in an hour. -- William Blake

Opening Hymn: "Here We Come A-Wassailing"
(*see insert)

Chalice Lighting Words: Let us build a temple for the human spirit in all its grandeur, where we lift up our souls in song as a gift to the infinite — for humanity is but the child of the infinite.
-- Johann Bojer

Moment for All Ages: Solstice Music
Mary Beth Courtright

Hymn: "Turn Around: A Solstice Song" Donia Prince
(*see insert)

Candles of Joy, Sorrow, and Concern

Prayer and Meditation:

Hymn in Response: # 55, "Dark of Winter"

Reading(s): from the book "God Is Not One" by Stephen Prothero
"The Good God and the Evil God" by Khalil Gibran
Read by Nancy Robertson

Choir Anthem: "Candleglow" Emily Crocker

Sermon: "Jesus, the Solstice, Diwali, and Hanukkah" - Dan

Offering: "On the Nature of Daylight" Max Richter

Our "**Share the Plate**" for **December** is 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: #226, "People, Look East"

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: "Into the Light" Anonymous (1700s) from a manuscript
in the archives of the Cathedral in Pertoia, Italy

Next Service: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 5pm 12/24/25

Next Sunday: "Honest Dialogue in a Time of Deep Division"

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

Note: There will be coffee hour on Christmas Eve, as well, hosted by Rev. Dan and his wife, Carol Steinfeld.