

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
Director of Religious Education: Dr. Kate Sullivan
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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.

December 2025 / Care Circle Coordinator
Joan Kovach / 339-203-0005 / joanstackkovach@gmail.com

Music:	Thank You:
Worship Associate:	Ginger Jensen
Coffee Hour:	Holly Harris
Usher(s):	Lisa Dunne
Flowers:	Holly Harris and Charlie Dattola
	Given by Joan Kovach in memory of the ones we have lost



**First Parish in Cohasset
December 28th, 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.**
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Order of Service
Rev. Dan Harper

Welcome:

Prelude: "The Lord of the Dance"
lyrics by Sydney Carter, arr. Jerome Epstein
Sung by Holly Harris

Opening Words: Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith let us to the end dare to do our duty as we understand it. -- Abraham Lincoln

Opening Hymn: #360, "Here We Have Gathered"

Chalice Lighting Words: Grant to me that I be made beautiful in my inward soul, and that my outward person be in harmony with my inner self. May I consider the wise person to be rich; and may I only have such wealth as a self-restrained person can bear. -- Socrates

Moment for All Ages: "The Three Kings"

Hymn: #259, "We Three Kings" verses 1, 2, and 4

Candles of Joy, Sorrow, and Concern

Prayer and Meditation:

Hymn in Response: #16, "'Tis a Gift To Be Simple"

Reading(s): "The birthday of the world" by Marge Piercy
"Burning the Old Year" by Naomi Shihab Nye
"i am running into a new year" by Lucille Clifton
Read by Holly Harris

Hymn: #355, "We Lift Our Hearts in Thanks"

Sermon: "Honest Dialogue in a Time of Deep Division" - Dan

Offering: "Auld Lang Syne" – Mike Nakashima vocals and ukulele

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: #401, "Kumbayah"

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: "The Lovers' Waltz" by Jay Ungar and Molly Mason

Next Weekend in the Meetinghouse:

Saturday, 1/3/26 – Celebration of Life for **Jane Ellis** 11:30am

Sunday Service, 1/4/26 – "Alike and Unalike" 10am

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