

**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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Nancy Robertson, Peter Sexton, and Caroline Struzziero

**Rev. Dan Harper's Office Hours:**

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 9:30a-5:00p.

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**January 2026 / Care Circle Coordinator**

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**Thank You:**

Beverley Burgess

The Newman / Toyoshima Family

Susan and Stephen Etkind

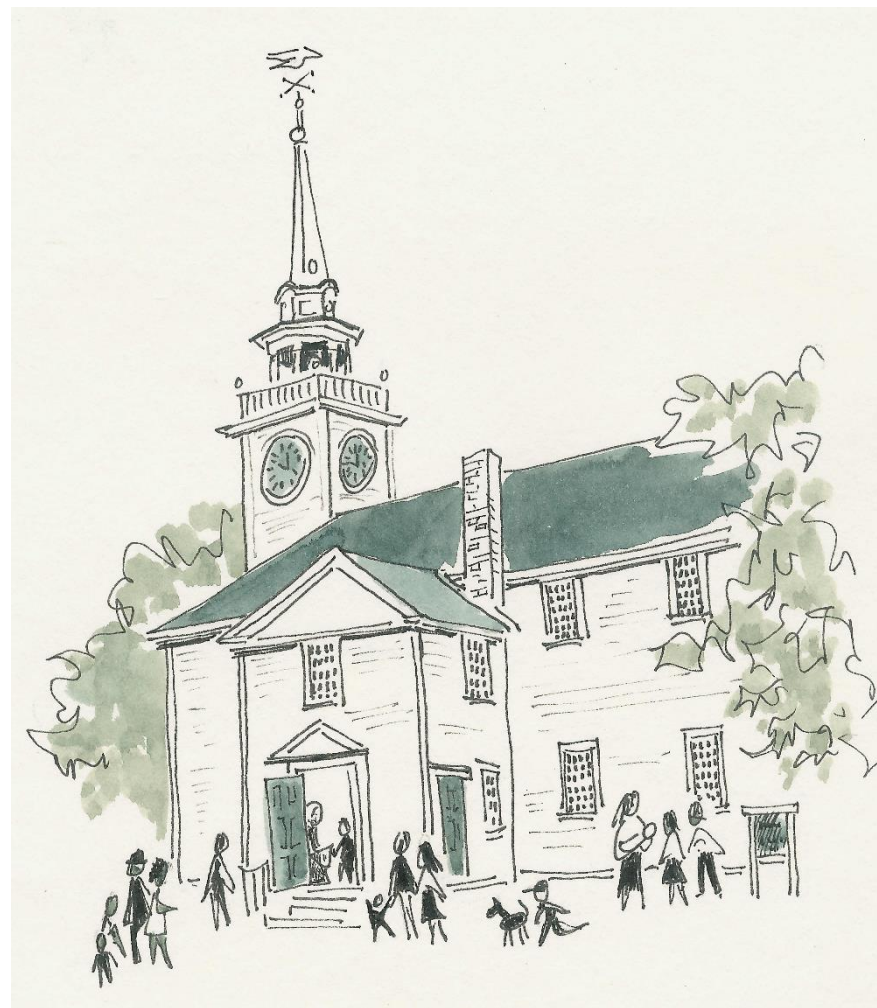
Given by Tracey Newman

**Worship Associate:**

**Coffee Hour:**

**Usher(s):**

**Flowers:**



**January 4th, 2026**



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**Order of Service**  
**Rev. Dan Harper**

**Welcome**

**Prelude:** "Sleigh Bells" Phillip Keveren

**Opening Words:** The greatest power is a loving power. But how can we know that great power? We know it only through the touch of human love. — Eliza Tupper Wilkes

**Hymn: #140,** "Hail the Glorious Golden City"

**Unison Chalice Lighting Words:** Being desirous of promoting practical goodness in the world, and of aiding each other in our moral and religious improvement, we have associated ourselves together — not as agreeing in opinion, not as having attained universal truth in belief or perfection in character, but as seekers after truth and goodness. — Unitarian Society of Geneva, Ill., 1842

**Moment for All Ages:** Mary Beth Courtright –  
"Benediction" Cheryl Gallo  
(see insert)

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

**Prayer and Meditation -**

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

**Readings:** from "Another View of Preston Bradley"  
by Judy Thornber  
from "What is Unitarianism?" by Alan Ruston  
Read by Beverley Burgess

**Choir Anthem:** "A New Year"  
Michael Hunter Ochs, arr. Dave Schlossberg  
Written in honor of the 2016 Global Blessing  
at the 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y (New York)

**Sermon:** "Alike and Unalike" - Dan

**Offering:** "Shepherd's Song and Dance" William Scher

Our "**share the plate**" for **January and February** is designated to **Hearth**. Hearth is a non-profit corporation whose mission is to end homelessness among the elderly through housing, outreach, prevention, and advocacy. Adults aged 50 and older are the fastest growing segment of the homeless population, with the number expected to triple nationwide by 2030. Nearly 25% of Boston's homeless population is aged 55 or older. All housing operated by Hearth provides a creative array of supportive services that assist residents to age with dignity, regardless of their special medical, mental health, or social needs.

**Closing Hymn: #1064,** "Blue Boat Home"

**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 Wind Beneath My Wings"  
Jeff Silbar and Larry Henley, arr. Tom Roed  
*"It might have appeared to go unnoticed / But I've got it  
all here in my heart / I want you to know, I  
know the truth, of course I know it /  
I would be nothing without you."*

**Next Week's Service:** Pulpit guest, Rev. Danielle DiBona  
"O Jesus"

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