

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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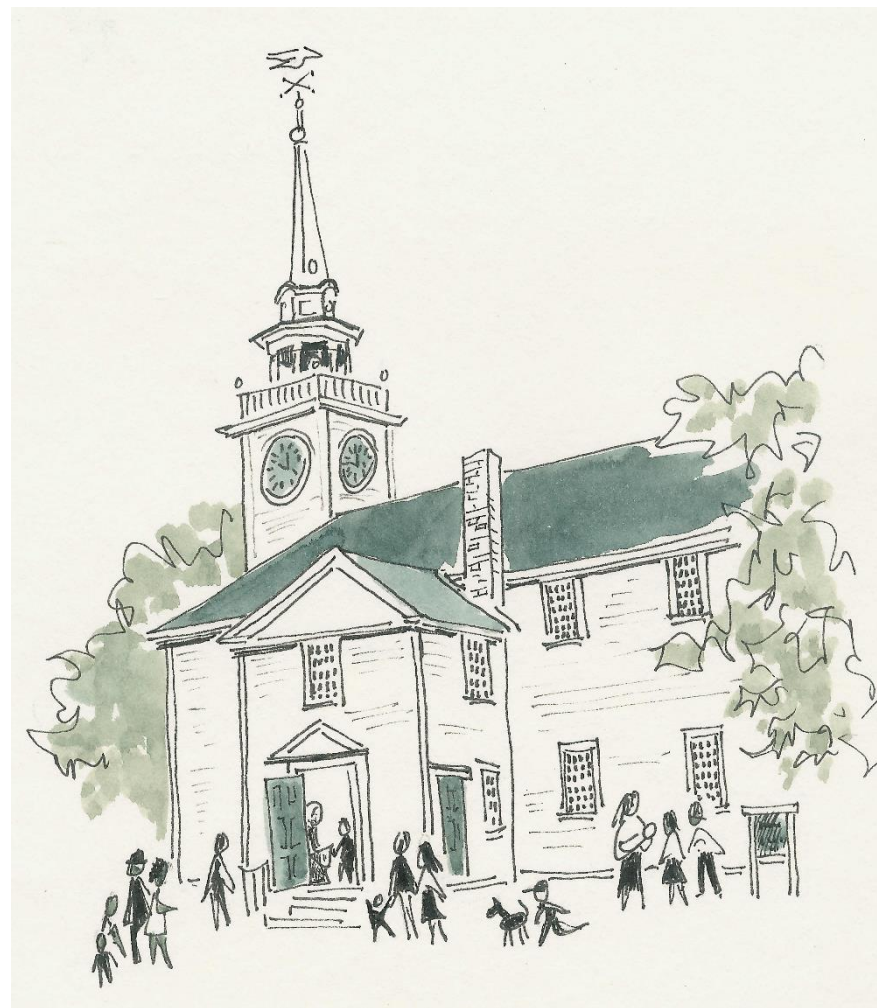
Minister: Rev. Dan Harper
Director of Religious Education: Dr. Kate Sullivan
Music Director: Mary Beth Courtright

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-3:00p.
Please contact the Parish Office or Dan to schedule an appointment.

January 2026 / Care Circle Coordinator
Anne Sexton / (339) 236-0002 / annewsexton1@gmail.com

Worship Associate: Carol Martin
Coffee Hour: Pete and Mary Parker
Usher(s): Carol Steinfeld and Alicia Svenson
Flowers: Given by Beverley Burgess dedicated to longer and brighter days.



January 18th, 2026

If you would like to give to this morning's offering online, please use the first QR code above. In the comments field, **please write "Sunday offering."**
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Order of Service
Rev. Dan Harper

Welcome

Prelude: "Wade in the Water"
Traditional Spiritual, arr. Mark Hayes

Opening Words: What is needed is a realization that power without love is reckless and abusive, and that love without power is sentimental and anemic. — Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Hymn: #149, "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Chalice Lighting Words: God grant that ministers, and lay leaders, and civic leaders, and professional people all over the nation will rise up and use the talents and the finances God has given them, and lead the people on toward the promised land of freedom, with rational, calm, nonviolent means.
— Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Moment for All Ages: Kate Sullivan and company

Hymn: "Benediction" – see insert

Candles of Joy, Sorrow, and Concern -

Prayer and Meditation -

Hymn in response: #1045, "There is a Balm in Gilead"

Readings: from a 2018 BBC interview with Claudette Colvin
"Caged Bird" by Maya Angelou
Read by Carol Martin

Choir Anthem: "He Had a Dream"
Words: Trilby Carter Jordan; Music: F. Thomas Simpson

Sermon: "A Secular Saint" Rev. Dan

Offering: "Deep River"
Traditional Spiritual, arr. Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

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: #169, "We Shall Overcome"

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: "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"
Traditional Spiritual, arr. Pepper Choplin

Next Week's Service: "Faith, Hope, and Kindness"

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