

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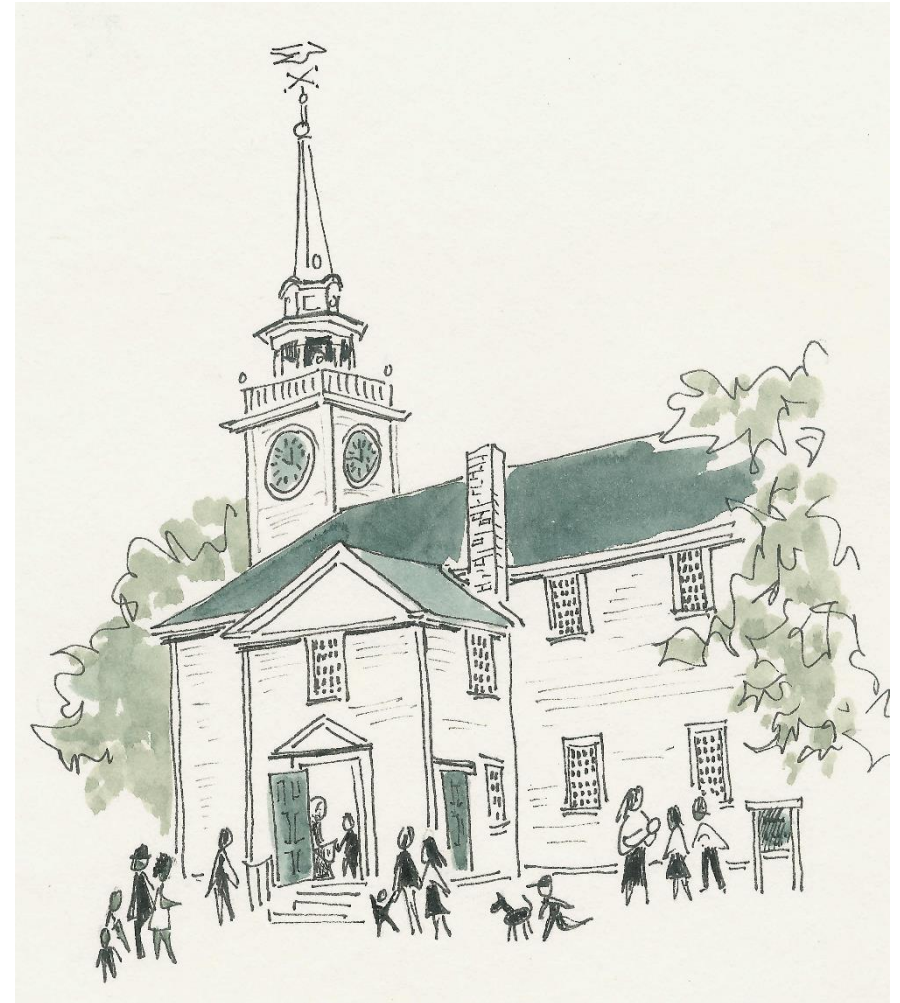
**Minister:** Rev. Dan Harper  
**Director of Religious Education:** Dr. Kate Sullivan  
**Music Director:** Mary Beth Courtright

**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.

**February 2026 / Care Circle Coordinator**  
**Mary Parker / (781) 383-9152 / [maryparker250@gmail.com](mailto:maryparker250@gmail.com)**

<b>Worship Associate:</b>	<b>Thank You:</b>
<b>Coffee Hour:</b>	Nancy Robertson
<b>Usher(s):</b>	Joan Kovach
<b>Flowers:</b> Given by Joan Kovach in sympathy with the people of Minnesota.	Sandy Allen



**February 1st, 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:** "My Lord, What a Morning"  
Traditional American spiritual, arr. Larry Shackley

**Opening Words:**

When I rise above the earth,  
And look down on the things that fetter me,  
I beat my wings upon the air,  
Or tranquil lie,  
Surge after surge of potent strength  
Like incense comes to me  
When I rise up above the earth  
And look down upon the things that fetter me.  
— Georgia Douglas Johnson

**Hymn:** "Prayer for This House" (see insert)

**Unison Chalice Lighting Words:**

They drew a circle that shut me out —  
Heretic, a rebel, a thing to flout.  
But Love and I had the wit to win:  
We drew a circle that took them in. — Edwin Markham

**Moment for All Ages:** "The Land of the Great" — Dan

**Hymn:** #348, "Guide My Feet"

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

**Prayer and Meditation -**

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

**Reading(s):** from "Democracy Matters" by Cornel West  
from "Freedom's Plow" by Langston Hughes  
Read by Nancy Robertson

**Choir Anthem:** "Part of the Whole" Lee Morris

**Sermon:** "Why Democracy Matters" — Dan

**Offering:** "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"  
Words by Samuel Francis Smith;  
Music from *Thesaurus Musicus*, arr. Phillip Keveren

Our Share the Plate for January and February is "**Hearth.**"  
Hearth is a nonprofit organization dedicated to ending  
homelessness among older adults through housing, outreach,  
and supportive services.

**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:** "Once to Every Man and Nation"  
Thomas J. Williams (1890), arr. Mark Hayes

**Next Week's Service:** "Being Loving Can Be Hard"  
Pulpit Guest, Rev. Bill Zelazny

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