

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**

23 North Main Street / Cohasset, MA 02025
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Minister: Rev. Dan Harper
Director of Religious Education: Dr. Kate Sullivan
Music Director: Mary Beth Courtright

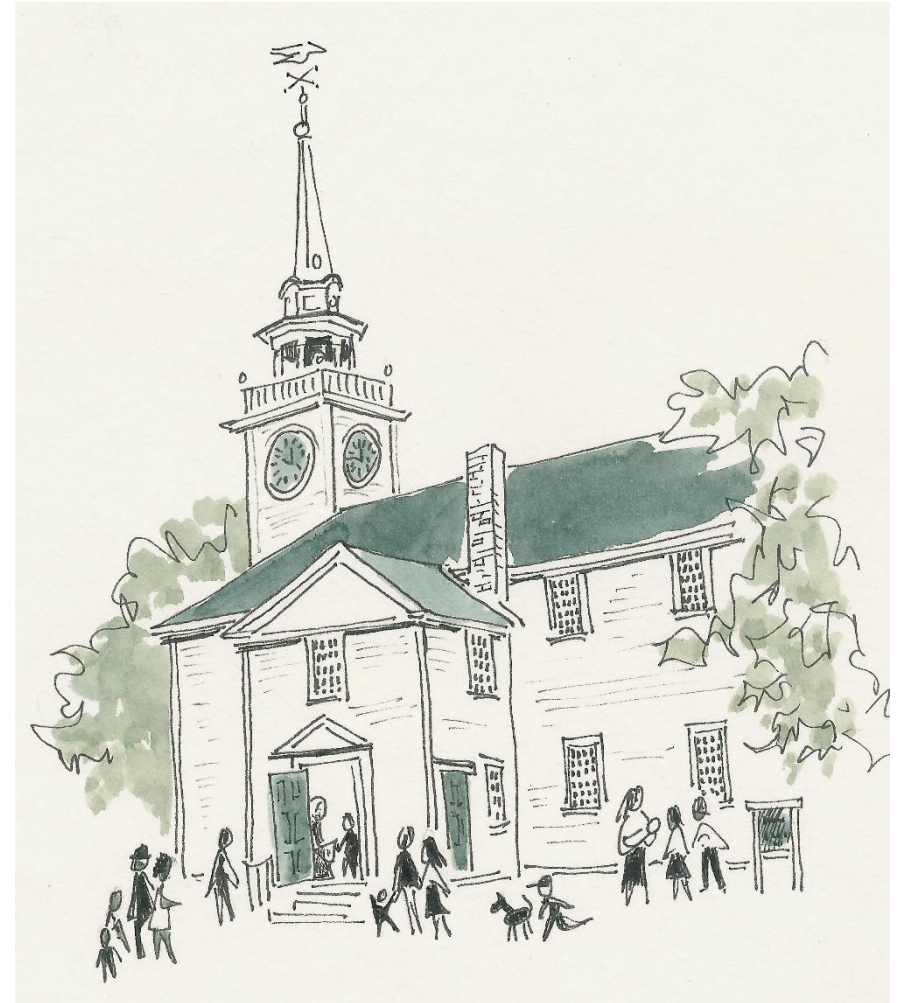
Parish Committee:
Tara Volungis, Chair; Bev Burgess, Vice Chair;
Pete Parker, Treasurer; Susan George, Clerk;
At-Large Members:
Ngoc Dupont and Micah Mulder

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.

April 2026 / Care Circle Coordinator
Dave McMorris / 617-694-3934 / dmcMorris823@gmail.com

Worship Associates: Matt Mulder, Beverley Burgess,
Mike Nakashima and Mary Toropov
Coffee Hour: Peter and Kathy Whitney
Usher(s): Carol Martin
Flowers: Given by Carol Martin:

Today's flowers honor six April birthdays celebrated in the extended Martin/Farwig families as well three First Parish ladies also having birthdays this month. Happy Birthday Jane, Beverly, and Teresa.



**First Parish in Cohasset
Poetry Sunday
April 12, 2026**

Order of Service
Hosted by Music & Worship Committee

Welcome Beverley Burgess

Prelude: "Jabberwocky" Martha Sherrill Kelsey
Based on the poem by Lewis Carroll (see insert)

Opening Poem: "The Lake Isle of Innisfree"
by William Butler Yeats
-and-
"The Pasture" by Robert Frost
Read by Mary Toropov (see insert)

Hymn: #347, "Gather the Spirit"

Chalice Lighting Poem: "The Flaming Chalice"
by Elizabeth Selle Jones

We light this chalice
For the light of truth;
For the warmth of love;
For the energy of action;
And for the spirit of community.
As the earth turns toward the sun,
May our hearts turn toward one another,
Growing in the grace of the greening season.
Read by Mike Nakashima

Moment for All Ages: "Today" by Billy Collins
Read by Dr. Kate Sullivan

Hymn: "Be Open"
*"Be open for something wonderful to happen.
Be open to the possibility."*

Candles of Joy, Sorrow, and Concern Matt Mulder

Prayer and Meditation Beverley Burgess

Hymn in response: #16, "'Tis a Gift to Be Simple"

Poem Sharing: Congregation

Choir Anthem: "The Circle Game"
Joni Mitchell, arr. Audrey Snyder

Poetry Sharing: Congregation

Offering: "Night of Spring" Martha Sherrill Kelsey
Based on the poem by Thomas Westwood (see insert)

Our Share the Plate for April is "**Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry, (UUUM)**" whose mission is to work across race and place to dismantle racism and white supremacy culture and to advance racial, social, and economic justice. A major component of the UUUM is the teen **Roxbury Youth Program (RYP)** wherein participants are given the opportunity to engage in creative workshops learning lifelong skills. They get help for scholarship applications, college applications, SAT help and job referrals. The RYP is key to developing leadership skills which result in positive change in their communities.

Closing Hymn: #591, "This Is My Song"

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 Year's at the Spring" Martha Sherrill Kelsey
Based on the poem by Robert Browning (see insert)

Next Week's Service: "Revolutionary Tales of First Parish"

Join us immediately following the service for **coffee hour** across the street at the Parish House. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!