

This month's theme is
COVENANT

First Parish in Malden,
Universalist

Mission Statement | Worship is
what we do when we gather
together, take risks for justice,
embrace difference, and give
back. Worship is what we do.
This is what it looks like.



Covenant

September 15, 2024

*Sign up for our
weekly
newsletter*



*Give to the plate
electronically.*



*New here?
Fill out a
guest card.*



Prelude	Sonatina in A Minor by G.F. Handel <i>Janna Bruene</i>
Hymn	We Are the Ones We've Been Waiting For by Sweet Honey in the Rock
Opening Words	Aisha Cruse
Lighting of the Chalice	<p>We gather this morning in a sacred space, Kindling a fire that burns here in our chalice and in our hearts.</p> <p>We gather to honor our covenant and engage in congregational life, Doing the necessary work to ensure that this community thrives.</p> <p>We gather together, as a people of faith, guided by love, A love that burns as bright as the flame in our chalice.</p> <p>We light this chalice, as we have done so many times before, For the warmth of love, The light of truth, And the energy of action.</p> <p><i>We Gather in a Sacred Space by Emily Richards</i></p>
Greeting	We invite you to greet your neighbor. Take time to walk over to someone you haven't met.
Hymn	Where You Go by Shoshana Jedwab
Land Acknowledgement	FPM is on the native land of the Massachuset, Naumkeag, Pawtucket, and Pennacook people.
Our Covenant	<i>We, the members of the First Parish in Malden, covenant in friendship to create together a community of respect, equality, openness, trust, and compassion. We pledge ourselves to hospitality, understanding, spiritual growth, sharing, and participation.</i>
Music	Come Darkness, Come Light by Si Kahn First Parish Choir

Time for All Ages	Packs: Strength in Numbers by Hannah Salyer
Children's Recessional	Reeb Children's Benediction by Ian W. Riddell
Reading	Covenant of the members of the First Parish in Malden
Message	Rev. Otto Concannon
Offering and Thanksgiving	Alternatives for Community & Environment
Offertory Music	Dusk by Stanley Fletcher <i>Janna Bruene</i>
Offertory Dedication	# 1010 We Give Thanks
Joys, Concerns, and Milestones	Rev. Otto Concannon
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Otto Concannon
Sounding of the Bell and Time of Silence	
Hymn	# 1028 Fire of Commitment
Extinguishing the Chalice	<i>We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth, The warmth of community, or the fire of commitment. These we carry in our hearts until we meet again.</i>
Our Story	Erik F.
Benediction	Rev. Otto Concannon
Postlude	Norwegian Dance by Robert Vandall <i>Janna Bruene</i>

Join us for coffee hour in Durgin Hall after the service.



For all announcements, see the newsletter for more details!

To share an announcement, please email it to admin@fpmalden.org.

To meet with Rev. Otto, go to www.calendly.com/revottooconnor.

Rev. Otto's office hours will be 9/23 from 4p-6p at Tous Les Jours. Join Rev. Otto and others for coffee (on us!) and discussion.

There will be a **training for the Usher/Greeter position** at noon *today*.

Meditation Group starting. Wednesdays 7-8:30pm in the library starting September 18th. 9/25 & 10/2 "How to Meditate" series. Beginners & longer term meditators warmly welcomed.

We want your input on a potential **Small Group Ministry** (SGM) program! SGM offers a chance to connect more deeply with others in a supportive, intimate setting. Please fill out the interest form in the e-news or contact Rev. Otto.

The book for our **September 29th book club** (12p-1p) will be Emergent Strategy. All are welcome! We hope to see you there.

Our **First Parish Board Meetings** are open to everyone! Join us for the next one from 7-9pm on 5/21. Get the Zoom access info in our newsletter.

Join the **UU Climate Revival** at UU Melrose on September 28th from 9a-2p. This is an experience for all ages, with children's programming as well.

The **Pastoral Care team** helps support members of our community when times are hard, and celebrates when times are good. The next meeting is 12pm on 10/6 in the library.

Malden for Palestine invites anyone interested to join in calling for a ceasefire. You are invited to stand with them on the corner of Main St & Salem St (& Ferry St.) every Thursday from 5 - 6 PM.

Want to **share an announcement** in the newsletter? The deadline is Tuesday night by 9pm! Email admin@fpmalden.org.

Want to follow along with the screenshare or captions on your phone? Join the Zoom meeting: Meeting ID: 880 7013 2417; Passcode: 272349





A covenant of the Members of the First Parish in Malden

We, the Members of the First Parish in Malden, Universalist, covenant in friendship to create together a community of respect, equality, openness, trust, and compassion. We pledge ourselves

- To *hospitality* – Extending a warm welcome to all and caring for each other in times of need;
- To *understanding* – Fostering an atmosphere of acceptance based in goodwill;
- To *spiritual growth* – Honoring the spiritual and religious journey of each person;
- To *sharing* – Openly and respectfully offering our views, seeking others' views, listening attentively, and honoring our differences as we honor that which we share;
- To *participation* – Supporting the church through our presence and the many, diverse gifts we bring.

Our covenant, founded in the seven principles of Unitarian Universalism, calls us

- To deal with disagreements constructively and to communicate with each other in a direct, caring, and responsible manner;
- To express gratitude and support to all who volunteer their time and talents in support of the church;
- To call each other lovingly back into the circle of covenant when necessary;
- To live our values within the church and throughout our wider community, bringing the best of each to the other.

*Approved by vote by Members
of the First Parish in Malden,
January 31, 2010.*

