

*This month's theme is  
LOVE*

*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.



***The Spiritual  
Discipline of Love***

October 6, 2024

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weekly  
newsletter*



*Give to the plate  
electronically.*



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guest card.*



<b>Prelude</b>	Adagio from Sonatina in C by Ludwig van Beethoven
<b>Hymn</b>	The Tide is Rising by Rabbi Shoshana Meira Freidman and Yotam Schachter
<b>Opening Words</b>	Worship Associate
<b>Lighting of the Chalice</b>	<p>Love is the spirit of this church, and service is its law. This is our great covenant: To dwell together in peace, To seek the truth in love, And to help one another.</p> <p>— James Vila Blake</p>
<b>Greeting</b>	We invite you to greet your neighbor. Take time to go over to someone you haven't met.
<b>Music</b>	Soon, Love, Soon by Vienna Teng
<b>Land Acknowledgement</b>	FPM is on the native land of the Massachuset, Naumkeag, Pawtucket, and Pennacook people.
<b>Our Covenant</b>	<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>
<b>Children's Recessional</b>	Be Open by Debbie Nargi-Brown

<b>Reading</b>	Love Is Hard by Carey McDonald and Terasa Cooley
<b>Hymn</b>	#1008 When Our Heart is in a Holy Place
<b>Speed Friending</b>	
<b>Offering and Thanksgiving</b>	Side with Love
<b>Offertory Music</b>	Autumn by Alexander Gretchaninoff
<b>Offertory Dedication</b>	#1010 We Give Thanks
<b>Joys, Concerns, and Milestones</b>	Rev. Otto Concannon
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>	Rev. Otto Concannon
<b>Sounding of the Bell and Time of Silence</b>	
<b>Hymn</b>	#170 We Are a Gentle, Angry People
<b>Extinguishing the Chalice</b>	<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>
<b>Our Story</b>	
<b>Benediction</b>	Rev. Otto Concannon
<b>Postlude</b>	Syncopation in Fourths by Matyas Seiber

*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](mailto:admin@fpmalden.org).

To meet with Rev. Otto, go to [www.calendly.com/revottoconnor](http://www.calendly.com/revottoconnor).

**Meditation Group** Wednesdays 7-8:30pm. Beginners & longer term meditators warmly welcomed.

We are experimenting with different ways to connect with each other. **We're trying out Discord**, a platform similar to Slack that provides a space for communication within a specific group.

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 *today* in the library.

The **Jewitch Pacifist group** intertwines Jewish spiritual traditions with witchcraft practices, while advocating for non-violence and peaceful coexistence. Meet in the library at noon on October 13.

**Join the Stewardship Team!** If you're interested in the spiritual and financial longevity of FPM, email Aisha Cruse.

**Attend a Covenanting Focus Group!** The board will be holding small focus groups to get feedback and explore what the new covenant might look like together.

**Every Life, A Universe: Boston 10/7 Memorial Gathering for Israeli and Palestinian Life.** See the newsletter for more information about this event.

**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.

Coming up in RE:

- October 13 - All-Ages Children's Chapel
- October 20 - Religious Education Classes, 2-3 and 4-6 OWL, Donuts and Dishing

Coming up in Music:

- Sunday 10/13\* 9:15am - Band & Choir

Want to follow along with the screenshare or captions on your phone? Join the Zoom meeting: Meeting ID: 871 8091 8296; Passcode: 416652

