

***This month's theme is  
JUSTICE***

***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.



# ***Fire Communion***

January 5, 2025

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weekly  
newsletter*



*Give to the plate  
electronically.*



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<b>Prelude</b>	Intermezzo by Scott Michal <i>Janna Bruene</i>
<b>Hymn</b>	I Lift My Voice by Andrea Ramsey
<b>Opening Words</b>	Erika Claire Kuttner
<b>Lighting of the Chalice</b>	Into Many Coming Years <i>We cannot know what all the year may bring, and would we heed the prophecy if we could? Bright flame, awake! Send forth your shining light beyond this year into the many coming— Show us the ways of love and help and care, of justice, mercy, and equality— Illuminate unto the generations— Show to the world a beacon of safe harbor— Help us to find the kindred warmth within us and among us to help make it so. By Mary Shelden</i>
<b>Greeting</b>	We invite you to greet your neighbor. Take time to go over to someone you haven't met.
<b>Hymn</b>	#368 Now Let Us Sing
<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>Time for All Ages</b>	

<b>Reading</b>	This New Year
<b>Hymn</b>	#387 The Earth, The Air, The Fire, The Water
<b>Fire Communion</b>	Rev. Otto Concannon
<b>Offering and Thanksgiving</b>	Pink Haven Coalition
<b>Offertory Music</b>	A New Year Carol by Benjamin Britten #1010 We Give Thanks
<b>Joys, Concerns, and Milestones</b>	
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>	Rev. Otto Concannon
<b>Sounding of the Bell and Time of Silence</b>	
<b>Hymn</b>	#1028 The Fire of Commitment
<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>	Cody Lazri
<b>Benediction</b>	Rev. Otto Concannon
<b>Postlude</b>	How Brightly Shines the Morning Star arr. James Woodman

*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/revottooconnor](http://www.calendly.com/revottooconnor).

The **Pastoral Care team** helps support members of our First Parish community when times are hard, and celebrates when times are good. We meet today at 12pm in the library.

Monday will be **the fourth anniversary of January 6**. Some may be anticipating chaos and others expecting news and social media to be filled with memories from 2020. If you would like to avoid that with others, Cody and Alexa will be in the library from 2-6 with tea and cocoa, board games, and soothing music. We will order pizza from Catalina's [Vegan and GF options]. For more details or accessibility requests, contact Cody or Alexa.

**Rev. Otto's office hours** will be 1/27 from 4p-6p at Tous Les Jours. Join Rev. Otto and others for coffee (on us!) and discussion.

This month's book for **Rev. Otto's monthly book club** will be "Little Women" by Unitarian author Louisa May Alcott. We will meet in the library after the service on January 26th.

**Religious Education (RE) Announcements:**

\* Want to learn to raise children who are thoughtful, informed, and brave about race? Register for our 6 series workshop: [www.fpmalden.org/embracerace](http://www.fpmalden.org/embracerace)

\* Want to volunteer with Religious Education? Know someone who might want to work in our treehouse? We are looking to grow our team! Email [Sara@fpmalden.org](mailto:Sara@fpmalden.org).

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

Want to **follow along** with the screenshare or captions on your phone? Join the Zoom meeting: Meeting ID: 859 0411 9231; Passcode: 487821

