

***This month's theme is
GENEROSITY***

***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.



***Countering Despair
with Joy***

March 2, 2025

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weekly
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*Give to the plate
electronically.*



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Opening Music	Mignon by Robert Schumann
Gathering Hymn	This Joy by Shirley Caesar
Opening Words	Erik Fearing
Lighting of the Chalice	<p><i>All that we have ever loved And all that we have ever been Stands with us on the brink Of all that we aspire to create: A deeper peace, A larger love, A more embracing hope, A deeper joy in this life we share.</i></p> <p>By Rev. Leslie Takahashi</p>
Greeting	We invite you to greet your neighbor. Take time to go over to someone you haven't met.
Hymn	#346 Come, Sing a Song With Me
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>
Time for All Ages	
Children's Recessional	Be Open by Debbie Nargi-Brown
Reading	Wild Geese by Mary Oliver

Hymn	#131 Love Will Guide Us
Message	Rev. DL Helfer
Offering and Thanksgiving	
Offertory Music	Two-Part Invention by Bela Bartok #1010 We Give Thanks
Stewardship Kickoff	Board Members
Joys, Concerns, and Milestones	
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. DL Helfer
Sounding of the Bell and Time of Silence	
Hymn	#1051 We Are
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	Patrick Mayfield
Benediction	Rev. DL Helfer
Postlude	Tieno lleno 2nd tono - 17th c. Spanish tune Janna Bruene

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.

Rev. Otto is on leave through March 10th. Please see the newsletter for details about Pastoral Care during that time. Please reach out to Rev. Ralph for pastoral care the week of Mar 3-9.

Coffee hour is volunteer-run! The church buys the coffee, but volunteers brew it, provide snacks, and clean up. **We need more volunteers**, especially on 3/23, 3/30, 4/20, and 5/25. Email erik.fearing@gmail.com or message the #brew-crew Discord channel.

We're looking for a few adults to pre-cast in our **Purim Spiel** on March 16, with some speaking-only parts & some involving singing. If you'd be interested in either, email Sara at dre@fpmalden.org.

Beautiful Lotus in a Sea of Fire Meditation Group: Join Rev. Ralph's meditation group on Wednesdays from 7-8:30 in the library or on Zoom.

Save the date for the ordination of **Martha Durkee-Neuman to the ministry on Saturday, March 29th at 1:00pm!** The ceremony and reception will take place at the First Parish in Malden.

Want to **follow along** with the screenshare or captions on your phone? Join the Zoom meeting: Meeting ID: 885 3699 1057; Passcode: 742405

Minister	Rev. Otto Concannon
Community Ministers	Rev. Aisha Ansano; Rev. Ralph Galen; Rev. Elizabeth Nguyen
Music Director	Soren Austenfeld
Director of Religious Education	Sara Krakauer
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