

***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.



***It Hurts Me, Too:
Make America
Kind Again***

March 9, 2025

*Make a
pledge!*



*Give to the plate
electronically.*



*New here?
Fill out a
guest card.*



*Join our
Discord server*



Prelude	
Hymn	This Joy by Shirley Caesar
Opening Words	Suad Mammadkhanli
Lighting of the Chalice	<p><i>In these wild, historic, and uncertain times, we gather to remember who we are, who we belong to, and what we are called to do. As we light this chalice, we kindle the spirit of the great turning: the movement for justice alive in this nation today. May we feel it in our bones, and in the stillness of this hour, may we sense it calling our name.</i></p> <p>By Lisa Garcia-Sampson</p>
Greeting	We invite you to greet your neighbor. Take time to go over to someone you haven't met.
Hymn	#170 We Are a Gentle, Angry People
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	One Chopstick Story, written by Rev. Ralph Galen
Children's Recessional	Be Open by Debbie Nargi-Brown

Reading	from Jane Fonda's SAG Lifetime Achievement Award Speech
Music	Pack Up Your Sorrows by Mimi & Richard Fariña
Message	Rev. Ralph Galen
Music	It Hurts Me Too by Elmore James
Offering and Thanksgiving	MIRA (Massachusetts Immigrant & Refugee Advocacy Coalition)
Offertory Music	#402 From You I Receive #1010 We Give Thanks
Stewardship Moment	
Joys, Concerns, and Milestones	
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Ralph Galen
Sounding of the Bell and Time of Silence	
Hymn	#159 This Is My Song
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	Jim Tozza
Benediction	Rev. Ralph Galen
Postlude	

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.

Our **2025 Pledge Drive** has begun! Please give to the church this year through your time, talents, and/or treasures. Our stewardship campaign hopes to raise \$90,000 in pledges. Please visit fpmalden.org/pledge, fill out a pledge card in person, or contact a board member (board@fpmalden.org) with any questions!

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 & 4/20. Email erik.fearing@gmail.com or message the #brew-crew Discord channel.

Join Alexa on **March 23** following coffee hour for a discussion of the podcast "We Live Here Now" about a left-leaning lesbian couple in D.C. who found out that their new neighbors included family & supporters of January 6 insurrectionists.

Calling all gardeners! First Parish has two garden beds on the Pleasant St. Side of the building as well as planters for the front doors. We would love volunteer (s) with gardening passion to help plan/ plant/ tend to our beds. Interested, please reach out to Thereseperkt4@gmail.com

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: 825 7392 6217; Passcode: 878831

