

***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.



Nowruz

March 23, 2025

*Make a
pledge!*



*Give to the plate
electronically.*



*New here?
Fill out a
guest card.*



*Join our
Discord server*



Prelude	Moderato from Sonata No. 4 by Vincent Persichetti
Hymn	This Joy by Shirley Caesar
Opening Words	Matt Collins
Lighting of the Chalice	<p><i>We light this chalice for all who are here, and all who are not; For all who have ever come through our doors, for those who may yet find this spiritual home, and for those we can't even yet imagine. For each of us and for us all, may this flame burn warm and bright.</i></p> <p>For Each and For All by Erik Walker Wikstrom</p>
Greeting	We invite you to greet your neighbor. Take time to go over to someone you haven't met.
Hymn	#1000 Morning Has Come
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	Rituals of Nowruz - Suad Mammadkhanli
Children's Recessional	Be Open by Debbie Nargi-Brown
Reading	From For Afghans Abroad, Nowruz Is a Chance to Reflect by Naz Deravian from March 14, 2022

Hymn	We Are Rising Up Like a Phoenix/The Earth, Water, Fire, Air
Message	Suad Mammadkhanli
Offering and Thanksgiving	MIRA (Massachusetts Immigrant & Refugee Advocacy Coalition)
Offertory Music	Air by David Karp #1010 We Give Thanks
Stewardship Moment	Melissa Rifkin
Joys, Concerns, and Milestones	
Pastoral Prayer	
Sounding of the Bell and Time of Silence	
Hymn	#61 Lo, The Earth Awakes Again
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	Aisha Cruse
Benediction	
Postlude	Bright Orange by Robert Starer

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** is underway! The Stewardship Team wants to offer a huge and heartfelt "Thank You" to everyone already participating! Last Sunday we crossed the \$42,000 threshold as we build our Blue Boat together. Our stewardship campaign hopes to raise \$90,000. Please visit fpmalden.org/pledge, fill out a pledge card in person, or contact a board member (board@fpmalden.org) with any questions!

We are going to have a **Passover Seder at First Parish** on April 13th at 4pm! Our seder will be a potluck, with wine (along with grape juice for our youth & anyone who prefers it). There will also be singing, discussion, & activities for kids. To RSVP and get more info, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/passovermalden25>.

Last year, we had an epic **cooperative Easter egg hunt** for our children, involving teamwork, creativity, and puzzle solving. Interested in helping to plan this year's hunt? Email Sara@fpmalden.org.

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

Join Alexa on **March 23** (today!) following coffee hour for a **discussion of the podcast "We Live Here Now"**.

Calling all gardeners! First Parish has garden beds, and we would love volunteer (s) with gardening passion to help plan/ plant/ tend to our beds. Interested, please reach out to Therese perkt4@gmail.com

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.

We also need **crafters and helpers** for the ordination! Please reach out to Ellie Vining for more details.

Want to **follow along** with the screenshare or captions on your phone? Join the Zoom meeting: Meeting ID: 859 6347 3746; Passcode: 167565

