

***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.



Purim Spiel

March 16, 2025

*Make a
pledge!*



*Give to the plate
electronically.*



*New here?
Fill out a
guest card.*



*Join our
Discord server*



Prelude	<i>Passacaglia by Handel arr. Halvorsen Janna Bruene</i>
Hymn	This Joy by Shirley Caesar
Opening Words	Ingrid Schwamb
Lighting of the Chalice	<i>For millennia People have gathered together to hear stories, To root for the underdog, To jeer the evil and the unkind. We see in our stories Mirrors to our own lives Where we hope good things will happen to good people And that evil will be vanquished. This morning we gather for story, For cheering and jeering, For hope and for justice. May this ancient story shed new light on our own lives And may we know ourselves connected to millions of listeners who have come before us and millions of listeners who will come after. Let us worship together.</i>
	Purim Call to Worship by Sharon Wylie
Greeting	We invite you to greet your neighbor. Take time to go over to someone you haven't met.
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>
Purim Spiel	Written by Sara Krakauer, adapted from a Megillah Narrative by Alan Cook (2012) and Raymond A. Zwerin (1996)

Song	Oh, Today We'll Merry, Merry Be by Judy Caplan Ginsburgh
Purim Spiel	
Music	Pink Pony Club
Purim Spiel	
Music	Enter, Rejoice, and Move In
Purim Spiel	
Music	You're a mean one...
Purim Spiel	
Music	Shake It Off
Purim Spiel	
Music	Purim Queen
Offering and Thanksgiving	MIRA (Massachusetts Immigrant & Refugee Advocacy Coalition)
Offertory Music	A Jazz Mood by Tony Caramia #1010 We Give Thanks
Joys, Concerns, and Milestones	
Pastoral Prayer	
Sounding of the Bell and Time of Silence	
Hymn	Once There Was a Wicked, Wicked Man by Judy Caplan Ginsburgh
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	David Zerega
Benediction	
Postlude	Shindig by Darwin Wolford

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

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: 872 3728 3969; Passcode: 953339

