

***This month's theme is
EQUITY***

***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.



Equity

April 6, 2025

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Prelude	Sunny Day by Christopher Norton <i>Janna Bruene</i>
Hymn	#188 Come, Come, Whoever You Are
Opening Words	Therese Perkins
Lighting of the Chalice	<i>We light our flaming chalice To illuminate the world we seek. In the search for truth, may we be just; In the search for justice, may we be loving; And, in loving, may we find peace.</i> By Elizabeth M McMaster
Greeting	We invite you to greet your neighbor. Take time to go over to someone you haven't met.
Hymn	Crowded Table by The Highwomen
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	Caring Equally, Caring Equitably (adapted from Rev. Karen G. Johnston)
Children's Recessional	Be Open by Debbie Nargi-Brown

Reading	<i>from Rev. Dr. Sheri Prud'homme's "Theological Reflection on the Proposed Revision to Article II"</i>
Hymn	#123 Spirit of Life
Message	Rev. Otto Concannon
Offering and Thanksgiving	
Offertory Music	Serenade by Cornelius Gurlitt #1010 We Give Thanks
Joys, Concerns, and Milestones	
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Otto Concannon
Sounding of the Bell and Time of Silence	
Hymn	#1021 Lean on Me
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	Abi Harper
Benediction	Rev. Otto Concannon
Postlude	Polonaise by CPE Bach

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 next **Pastoral Care meeting** is this Sunday, April 6th, at 12pm in the library. The Pastoral Care team helps support members of our First Parish community when times are hard, and celebrates when times are good. All levels of participation are welcome.

We are thrilled to welcome Ashley Mulcare as our **Ministerial Intern** beginning in September 2025. Ashley will intern with us through spring 2027. See the newsletter for more details.

Rev. Otto is holding office hours again from 4-6p on April 28. Meet Rev. Otto and others for coffee and conversation (on the minister) at Tous Les Jours. All are welcome.

We'll have a potluck **Passover Seder at First Parish** on April 13th at 4pm! There will be singing, discussion, & activities for kids. To RSVP & get more info, visit tinyurl.com/passovermalden25

Last year, we had an epic **cooperative Easter egg hunt** for our children, involving teamwork, creativity, and puzzle solving. To help with this year's hunt, email Sara@fpmalden.org.

Mark your calendar for the **annual meeting** on Sunday, May 4th. This is your chance to exercise our democratic process! We'll be voting on the budget and new board members.

Mystery Friends is back! Through this program, children and adults get to know each other by exchanging either letters or drawings. Please send questions to melissa.s.rifkin@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.

Want to **follow along** with the screenshare or captions on your phone? Join the Zoom meeting: Meeting ID: 852 0574 0666; Passcode: 009745

