

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.



Why We Tell Stories

September 14, 2025

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Prelude	Sonata in A by Giuseppe Paganelli
Hymn	The Tide is Rising
Opening Words	Ingrid Scheider
Lighting of the Chalice	<p>We Meet on Holy Ground</p> <p>We meet on holy ground, Brought into being as life encounters life, As personal histories merge into the communal story, As we take on the pride and pain of our companions, As separate selves become community.</p> <p>How desperate is our need for one another: Our silent beckoning to our neighbors, Our invitations to share life and death together, Our welcome into the lives of those we meet, And their welcome into our own.</p> <p>May our souls capture this treasured time. May our spirits celebrate our meeting In this time and in this space, For we meet on holy ground.</p> <p>By Richard S. Gilbert</p>
Greeting	We invite you to greet your neighbor. Take time to go over to someone you haven't met.
Hymn	We Will Carry Each Other
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	Welcoming Our New RE Teachers
Children's Recessional	Be Open, by Debbie Nargi-Brown

Reading	We, the Curious Ones by Mario Dane Bauer, Illustrated by Hari & Deepti, published by Candlewick Press
Hymn	#318 We Would Be One
Message	Rev. Otto Concannon
Offering and Thanksgiving	Mystic River Watershed Association
Offertory Music	Farewell to Fiunary by Norman MacLeod #1010 We Give Thanks
Joys, Concerns, and Milestones	
Musical Response to Joys and Concerns	May I Be Light by Mykal Slack
Pastoral Prayer	Ashley Mulcaire
Sounding of the Bell and Time of Silence	
Hymn	#1020 Woyaya
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	Rev. Otto Concannon
Postlude	Moderato by Remo Vinciguerra

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 today at 12pm in the chapel. 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 welcome feedback on our **new covenant** at noon today in the library.

We'll be watching **one episode of the first season of "Andor"** each Friday and discussing it after. Screening will be held in the chapel and will start at 7:30pm. Kids welcome at parents' discretion.

On September 27th at 7pm in Durgin Hall, we watch the 2025 Oscar-winning documentary movie **"No Other Land"** followed by a discussion.

We are thrilled to welcome Ashley Mulcaire as our **Ministerial Intern** beginning in September 2025. Ashley will intern with us through spring 2027.

The **Outreach Committee** will meet the 3rd Monday of every month at 7:30pm. Write outreach@fpmalden.org if there's anything to add to the agenda about what we can do better going forward.

Join Rev. Otto and others for **Office Hours** between 4pm and 6pm at Tous Les Jours on September 22nd. Show up anytime, leave anytime. All are welcome.

Please join us for a **Taizé Evening Service** on November 2nd at 7pm. This is an hour-long contemplative service. We invite you to participate in singing simple songs or listen. No preparation needed.

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.

Music

Choir and band meet weekly this fall! All are encouraged and welcome to join, even if you can't attend all rehearsals - many participants typically attend 2-3 rehearsals per month.

Band: Monday evenings from 7-8:30pm (no rehearsal 9/8)

Choir: Thursday evenings from 7-8:30pm

Register your child(ren) for **Religious Education:**

<https://tinyurl.com/FPMaldenREReg25>

Want to **follow along** with the screenshare or captions on your phone? Join the Zoom meeting: Meeting ID: 848 1400 1842; Passcode: 803130

