

# *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.



## *Listen to the Water*

September 21, 2025

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<b>Prelude</b>	River Flows In You by Yiruma
<b>Hymn</b>	The Tide is Rising by Rabbi Shoshona Meira Friedman
<b>Opening Words</b>	Locke Ironwood
<b>Lighting of the Chalice</b>	<p>Many Hopes in Our Hearts By Rebekah Savage</p> <p>We come to spiritual community this morning with many hopes in our hearts: The hope for inspiration, the hope for comfort, the hope for renewal. In this time and space, may inspiration water our thirsty souls. In this time and space, may comfort blossom in the gardens of our hearts, and bring us sweet relief. In this time and space, may renewal course through us, as electric as a surge of energy, as serene as a nourishing meal, as contagious as joy, and bring us vitality and rejuvenation. May our time together honor all the hopes we hold within; May our time together bless us with the gifts of inspiration, comfort and renewal.</p>
<b>Greeting</b>	We invite you to greet your neighbor. Take time to go over to someone you haven't met.
<b>Music</b>	More Waters Rising by Saro-Lynch Thomason, arr. Adam and Matt Podd - Choir
<b>Our Covenant</b>	<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>
<b>Time for All Ages</b>	
<b>Children's Recessional</b>	Be Open, by Debbie Nargi-Brown

<b>Reading</b>	The Work of Creation By Israel Buffardi
<b>Hymn</b>	#1007 There's a River
<b>Message</b>	Rev. Otto Concannon
<b>Offering and Thanksgiving</b>	Mystic River Watershed Association
<b>Offertory Music</b>	Fourth Lyric Piece by Carlisle Floyd #1010 We Give Thanks
<b>Joys, Concerns, and Milestones</b>	
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>	Rev. Otto Concannon
<b>Sounding of the Bell and Time of Silence</b>	
<b>Hymn</b>	#108 My Life Flows On in Endless Song
<b>Extinguishing the Chalice</b>	<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>
<b>Our Story</b>	Abi Harper
<b>Benediction</b>	Rev. Otto Concannon
<b>Postlude</b>	Contradance III by Ludwig van Beethoven

*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](mailto:admin@fpmalden.org).

First Parish is working on adopting a new covenant! After discussing what we value with many congregants last year, the board drafted a proposal. At noon today, we will have a **covenant feedback session** in the library.

Join us for the **Tashlich Ritual at Fellsmere Pond** at noon today! All are invited to come learn about this ritual which is a traditional part of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish new year.

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.

Join the FP Malden CUUPs chapter for our **Pagan Potluck on 9/26**. These dinners will be held the 4th Friday of the month. The feasts will be a time for worship, conversation, community building, and learning!

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

Join our ministerial intern, Ashley, for a **Joys and Sorrows Circle** after church in the chapel on 9/28. This is a smaller, more intimate opportunity to share your stories and accompany your community.

**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: 842 0101 3449; Passcode: 102983

