

# *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.



## ***Disrupt Church***

September 28, 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>	Erika Claire Kuttner
<b>Lighting of the Chalice</b>	<p>Intention and Creativity</p> <p>As we light a chalice,  a container of air, earth, and fire,  this ritual of our faith  reminds our subtle-and-crashing-about beings  that we are part of a collective—  a community of care and connection,  courage and questions,  scared and sacred together.  Today we gather with intention and creativity,  releasing what we must,  shaping what we will,  in a space made possible  by generations of community care  and the courage of connection.</p> <p><i>By Deanna Vandiver</i></p>
<b>Greeting</b>	We invite you to greet your neighbor. Take time to go over to someone you haven't met.
<b>Hymn</b>	A Dedication by Lea Morris
<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>	Making Stories Our Own
<b>Children's Recessional</b>	Be Open, by Debbie Nargi-Brown

<b>Reading</b>	Go Slow: Time is Running Out by Peggy Clarke
<b>Music</b>	A Water Hymn by Milck - Choir
<b>Message</b>	Rev. Otto Concannon
<b>Offering and Thanksgiving</b>	Gaza Soup Kitchen
<b>Offertory Music</b>	#1010 We Give Thanks
<b>Joys, Concerns, and Milestones</b>	
<b>Musical Response to Joys and Concerns</b>	May I Be Light, by Mykal Slack
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>	Rev. Otto Concannon
<b>Sounding of the Bell and Time of Silence</b>	
<b>Hymn</b>	This Boat by Laura Zucker
<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>	Erik Fearing
<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).

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.

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

**Brag & Drags Online Accountability Group** will meet on Zoom on September 28 and the last Sunday of every month at 7pm. Come brag to us about your small achievements and ask for help with the tasks you're dragging your feet on. There will also be some venting about current events.

Join our Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUPs) for the **October Full Moon Gathering!** We will be meeting on Friday October 3rd at 7pm. We will be meditating on our intentions for the darker half of the year, creating an altar together, enjoying some apple cider, and decorating small pumpkins!

**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**

