

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.



Glimmers of Beauty

October 12, 2025

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Hymn #1001 Breaths

Opening Words Erin Murphy

**Lighting of
the Chalice**

Recognizing the beauty around us and within us, in voice and spirit, we gather to light our chalice.

May we savor the beauty of our abundance and diversity, always cherishing one another and our earth.

May we remember to inhale the lushness in life knowing that we are a people of beauty.

Kimberlee Anne Tomczak Carlson

Greeting

We invite you to greet your neighbor. Take time to go over to someone you haven't met.

Hymn #134 Our World is One World

Our Covenant

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.

Time for All Ages

Lessons from the Pennacook

**Children's
Recessional**

Be Open, by Debbie Nargi-Brown

Reading	Excerpt from "Letter XVIII: To the Ones Who Don't Float," by Cole Arthur Riley
Hymn	#18 What Wondrous Love
Message	Rev. Aisha Ansano
Offering and Thanksgiving	United American Indians of New England
Offertory Music	#123 Spirit of Life #1010 We Give Thanks
Joys, Concerns, and Milestones	
Pastoral Prayer	Ashley Mulcaire
Sounding of the Bell and Time of Silence	
Hymn	Joy in the Morning by Adam Podd (Sing Out Love)
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	Patrick Mayfield
Benediction	Rev. Aisha Ansano
Postlude	

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.

Join our ministerial intern, Ashley, for a **Joys and Sorrows Circle** after church in the sanctuary on October 26 at 12pm. This is a smaller, more intimate opportunity to share your stories & accompany your community.

Join Rev. Otto and others on a **tour of Bell Rock Cemetery** led by local historian Mark Linehan which is sure to include lots of history of the congregation! Sunday, October 19th at 1pm.

The Board is calling a **congregational meeting** for 10/26, immediately following worship to authorize an expenditure on building repair. For a printed copy of the Building Assessment, contact davezerega@gmail.com.

Rev. Otto's book club will read Star-Spangled Jesus: Leaving Christian Nationalism and Finding a New Faith by April Ajoy. Meet to discuss the book at 1pm 10/26. Copies of the book are available.

Are you interested in **learning more about membership** at First Parish? Join Rev. Otto on Sunday, November 2 at 12 in the chapel for an information session and a chance to connect with other potential members.

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.

Have you ever had someone ask you **what Unitarian Universalism is** and not known what to say? You're not alone! Join Rev. Otto to figure out how to talk about it. Sunday, November 9 at noon

Brag & Drags Online Accountability Group will meet on Zoom 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.

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 is Monday evenings from 7-8:30pm; Choir is 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: 879 7725 0571; Passcode: 040481

