

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.



Samhain

October 26, 2025

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Prelude	Fantasia in A — George Frideric Handel
Hymn	#1001 Breaths
Opening Words	CUUPS
Lighting of the Chalice	<p><i>United by Story and Bound by Love</i> <i>In front of stone walls, two round trays hold an array of slim, lit candles</i> <i>Gather we now into this space, this time when the Wheel turns and the Veil shatters.</i> <i>Gather we now to remember, to grieve, to prophesy, to complete our harvests before the Long Dark comes.</i> <i>Gather we now to tell the Old Stories and sing the Old Songs, to be as we have always been —the Voice of our people eternal.</i> <i>Gather we now to celebrate that which was, that which is, and that which will be.</i> <i>Gather we now, as we have always done, united by Story and bound by Love.</i></p> <p><i>By Andrea Hawkins-Kamper</i></p>
Greeting	We invite you to greet your neighbor. Take time to go over to someone you haven't met.
Hymn	Put Your Roots Down by Molly Hartwell, arr. Heather Houston & adapted by Soren Austenfeld
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	Fletcher and the Falling Leaves by Julie Rawlison and Tiphonie Beeke
Halloween Costume Parade	

Music	Samhain Song by Lisa Thiel
Message	Rachael Gorton, Karen Uminski, Elise Miller
Offering and Thanksgiving	United American Indians of New England
Offertory Music	Autumn — Alexander Gretchaninoff #1010 We Give Thanks
Joys, Concerns, and Milestones	
Pastoral Prayer	
Sounding of the Bell and Time of Silence	
Hymn	#1051 We Are
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>
Dismissing the Corners	<i>Jeremie Bateman, Jamie Gorton, Locke Ironwood, Kallie Motola</i>
Our Story	David Zerega
Benediction	Rev. Otto Concannon
Postlude	Sassy Samba — Mona Rejino

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.

The Board is calling a **congregational meeting** immediately following worship today to authorize an expenditure on building repair.

Bigger Bodies Boston Clothing Swap will be here in Durgin Hall on Saturday October 25th from 3-6pm.

We are considering having a church auction could be capitalist or anti-capitalist! Are you interested in helping with this? Let us know!

Join us at 7pm on Zoom for our **Brags & Drags Online Accountability Group**. Come brag about your small achievements & ask for help with tasks you're dragging your feet on. (Meeting ID: 834 3864 6352 Passcode: 312197)

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.

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.

Save the Date: November 6th, Alexa will lead a group in **meditative writing** exercises in which each participant will learn more about their higher selves and/or the deity or deities they believe in. Open to all faiths (and lack thereof).

The First Parish Malden **Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans** chapter will hold an organizational meeting in the Chapel following coffee hour on 11/9. All interested are welcome!

Join us for Monday night Magic! We'll play **Magic: the Gathering** every first, second, & fourth Monday of the month from 6pm to 9pm in the library. If you've never played or don't have your own cards, premade decks will be available.

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.

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.

Choir and band meet weekly this fall! All are encouraged and welcome to join, even if you can't attend all rehearsals. 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

