

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.



Unitarian Universalism is a Really Long Name

November 9, 2025

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Prelude	La Joyeuse — Jean Philippe Rameau
Hymn	We Are The Ones
Opening Words	Suad Mammadkhanli
Lighting of the Chalice	<p>To be a Unitarian Universalist means we'll never be done with the work: the work of telling the truth about oppression the work of resisting any laws, policies, or practices that deny anyone their humanity the work of stubbornly seeking out the spark of the divine each other, no matter what the work of creating heaven on earth</p> <p>To be a Unitarian Universalist also means we're not alone in the work: we are not alone because of our promises to love one another we are not alone because we are companions on the journey we grow ourselves into allies, helping one another get free — because none of us is truly free until we are all free.</p> <p>Inspired by Rev. Elizabeth Nguyen's chapter, "Our Work for Social Justice," in The Unitarian Universalist Pocket Guide. By Erika Hewitt</p>
Greeting	We invite you to greet your neighbor. Take time to go over to someone you haven't met.
Hymn	The JETPIG Song by Sara Krakauer and 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	Covenant as Wooden Block Tower by Karen G. Johnson
Children's Recessional	Be Open, by Debbie Nargi-Brown
Reading	by Karen Van Fossan
Hymn	#131 Love Will Guide Us
Message	Rev. Otto Concannon
Offering and Thanksgiving	First Parish in Malden Help Fund
Offertory Music	Proclamation — Unknown #1010 We Give Thanks
Joys, Concerns, and Milestones	
Pastoral Prayer	Ashley Mulcaire
Sounding of the Bell and Time of Silence	
Hymn	This Boat (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	Abi Harper
Benediction	Rev. Otto Concannon
Postlude	Menuet — Flor Peeters

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.

How to Talk About Unitarian Universalism: today at noon! Have you ever had someone ask you what Unitarian Universalism and not known what to say? You're not alone! Join Rev. Otto at noon today to figure out what to say.

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.

Rev. Otto's Book Club will meet 11/16 at noon to discuss Star-Spangled Jesus: Leaving Christian Nationalism and Finding a New Faith by April Ajoy. Copies of the book are available at the church for pickup. All are welcome.

Save the Date for Pie Sunday! The best coffee hour around will be on November 23rd! Pie Sunday is a First Parish Malden tradition. Bring a pie or just show up to eat pie at coffee hour after service!

The **outreach committee meets** on the third Monday of each month at 7:30pm - next meeting is 11/17.

Seeking **grocery donations!** On 11/9 & 11/30, the youth of First Parish will prepare food for people in need and for donating locally. Please email dre@fpmalden.org if you are interested in helping.

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!

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.

Save the date for **our first retreat** at Ferry Beach in Maine, April 24-26. See the newsletter for details and to register your interest.

Our **Music Director Soren will be on Sabbatical** from 11/26/25 through May 2026. See the newsletter for details about the Sabbatical, and how the music program will continue to run during this time.

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: 878 4065 3019; Passcode: 113924