

# *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.



## ***Fire Communion***

January 4, 2026

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newsletter*



*Give to the plate  
electronically.*



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Discord server*



<b>Prelude</b>	Folia by Alessandro Scarlatti <i>Janna Bruene</i>
<b>Gathering Hymn</b>	Planted, Alex Fam
<b>Opening Words</b>	Karen Uminski
<b>Lighting of the Chalice</b>	We light this chalice on the brink of a new year Letting go of what has been Open and hopeful for what may come Renewed, restored, ready To live Life fully anew May we move forward with intention.  <i>By Lois Van Leer</i>
<b>Greeting</b>	We invite you to greet your neighbor. Take time to go over to someone you haven't met.
<b>Music</b>	#368 Now Let Us Sing
<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>	Sara Krakauer
<b>Reading</b>	Karen Uminski
<b>Hymn</b>	#387 The Earth, Water, Fire, Air

**Fire Communion**

Ashley Mulcaire

**Offering and  
Thanksgiving**

Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism

**Offertory Music**

How Brightly Shine the Morning Star —  
arr. James Woodman  
#1010 We Give Thanks

**Joys, Concerns,  
and Milestones**



**Pastoral Prayer**

Ashley Mulcaire

**Sounding of the Bell  
and Time of Silence**

**Closing Hymn**

#1028 Fire of Commitment

**Extinguishing the  
Chalice**

*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.*

**Our Story**

Erik Fearing

**Benediction**

Ashley Mulcaire

**Postlude**

We Three Kings of Orient Are —  
Hopkins/Keveren

*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).

The **Community Closet** at First Parish is looking for winter gear in all sizes. Items needed include winter coats, snow pants, boots, hats, mittens, & scarves. Leave donations in the "Community Closet" box in the Social Hall.

The Board has taken your feedback on the **new covenant**, and we are pleased to present our final draft. The next step is to hold a congregational vote to approve the covenant on 1/11. If you have feedback, please email [board@fpmalden.org](mailto:board@fpmalden.org).

**Monday night Magic** is on break until January 12. Join us when we resume playing Magic: the Gathering every 2nd & 4th Monday of the month from 6-9pm in the library. Premade decks will be available.

**Friday night "Andor" episodes are on break** until January 9, when we will be starting season 2! Screening will be held in the chapel starting at 7:30pm on Fridays. 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 is on Sabbatical** 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.

The **First Parish Board Meetings** are open to everyone, and the next one will be held Thursday, 1/8, from 7-9pm. Join via Zoom: Meeting ID: 825 8827 4039, Passcode: 493814.

**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: 872 8560 1444 ; Passcode: 664194