

# *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.



## *Hope in the Dark*

January 11, 2026

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newsletter*



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electronically.*



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<b>Prelude</b>	Prelude No. 11, Robert Vandall <i>Janna Bruene</i>
<b>Gathering Hymn</b>	Planted, Sing Out Love
<b>Opening Words</b>	Erin Stringfellow
<b>Lighting of the Chalice</b>	Our Hope and Our Passion We light our chalice today knowing that our hope and our passion are needed to change the world. We bring different gifts to the work, but we come together in one faith: that what we do makes a difference, both to our world and in ourselves.  <i>By Pat Uribe-Lichty</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>	#55 Dark of Winter
<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>Children's Recessional</b>	Be Open, by Debbie Nargi-Brown
<b>Reading</b>	Not Enough Candles by Sean Neil-Baron

**Hymn** #95 There is More Love Somewhere

**Message** Rev. Otto Concannon

**Offering and  
Thanksgiving** Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism

**Offertory Music** Musica Callada, Federico Mompou  
#1010 We Give Thanks

**Joys, Concerns,  
and Milestones**



**Pastoral Prayer** Rev. Otto Concannon

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

**Closing Hymn** Joy in the Morning, Sing out Love

**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** Ingrid Schneider

**Benediction** Rev. Otto Concannon

**Postlude** Bright Orange, Robert Starer, Janna Bruene

*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 welcomes winter gear in all sizes. Items needed include 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 will hold a congregational vote to approve the covenant today.

There will be an **Outreach Committee meeting** on Tuesday January 20<sup>th</sup> and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 7:30-9pm.

**Join Rev. Otto** and other Church friends at Tous Les Jours for casual discussion and connection. Come late/leave early. Otto will buy all refreshments. Every fourth Monday starting in February.

**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.

**Our first retreat** at Ferry Beach will be in Maine, April 24-26. We will share registration details when they are available.

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 on Zoom.

The **First Parish Board Meetings** are open to everyone, and the next one will be held Thursday, 1/15, from 7-9pm. Join via Zoom: Meeting ID: 825 8827 4039, Passcode: 493814.

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

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:  
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