

# *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.



## ***Building the Beloved Community***

January 18, 2026

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electronically.*



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<b>Prelude</b>	Pure Imagination, Leslie Bricusse & Anthony Newley, Ellie Vining
<b>Gathering Hymn</b>	Planted, Sing Out Love
<b>Opening Words</b>	Arthur Blenheim
<b>Lighting of the Chalice</b>	<p>As we each light this chalice;  may we make of our lives a beacon:  a symbol of our promise to draw the circle wide;  a sign that we will not rest until "all" means all.</p> <p><i>By Erika Hewitt</i></p>
<b>Greeting</b>	We invite you to greet your neighbor. Take time to go over to someone you haven't met.
<b>Music</b>	#1040 Hush
<b>Our Covenant</b>	<i>As a community, we promise to celebrate, care for, and challenge our true and imperfect selves. Together, we will show love for each other and the greater world through our words, actions, and traditions.</i>
<b>Time for All Ages</b>	Sara Krakauer
<b>Children's Recessional</b>	Be Open, by Debbie Nargi-Brown
<b>Reading</b>	From Martin Luther King Jr.'s Nobel Prize Acceptance Speech (1964)

<b>Hymn</b>	#1020 Woyaya
<b>Message</b>	Rev. Otto Concannon
<b>Offering and Thanksgiving</b>	Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism
<b>Offertory Music</b>	Somewhere Over the Rainbow, Harold Arlen, Ellie Vining #1010 We Give Thanks
<b>Joys, Concerns, and Milestones</b>	
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>	Ashley Mulcaire
<b>Sounding of the Bell and Time of Silence</b>	
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	#368 Now Let Us Sing
<b>Extinguishing the Chalice</b>	<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>
<b>Our Story</b>	Jim Tozza
<b>Benediction</b>	Rev. Otto Concannon
<b>Postlude</b>	Arabesque, Friedrich Bergmuller, Ellie Vining

*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 items in the "Community Closet" box in the Social Hall.

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.

Join us to play **Magic: the Gathering** every 2nd & 4th Monday of the month from 6-9pm in the library. Premade decks will be available.

We'll be watching an episode of "**Andor**" **season 2** every Friday in the Parish Library at 7:30pm followed by a discussion. Kids are welcome at parents' discretion.

The **Pastoral Care Committee** will meet after the service on February 8<sup>th</sup> to write cards to people who have expressed a joy or concern recently.

**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. 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.

**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: 664194