

# *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.



## ***Black History is Everyone's History***

February 8, 2026

*Join our  
newsletter*



*Give to the plate  
electronically.*



*New here?  
Fill out a  
guest card.*



*Join our  
Discord server*



<b>Prelude</b>	Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child, Spiritual arr. Noreen Sauls
<b>Gathering Hymn</b>	There Is a Love
<b>Opening Words</b>	Locke Ironwood
<b>Lighting of the Chalice</b>	<p>Let us learn Black history as a means to express our gratitude for the Black ancestors whose examples light our path during Black History Month and every day of the year.</p> <p><i>By Takiyah Nur Amin</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>	#1024 When the Spirit Says Do
<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>	Locke Ironwood
<b>Hymn</b>	#149 Lift Every Voice and Sing

**Message**

Rev. Otto Concannon

**Offering and  
Thanksgiving**

LUCE

**Offertory Music**

Precious Lord, Take My Hand  
#1010 We Give Thanks

**Joys, Concerns,  
and Milestones**



**Pastoral Prayer**

Ashley Mulcaire

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

**Closing Hymn**

#407 We're Gonna Sit at the Welcome  
Table

**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**

David Zerega

**Benediction**

Rev. Otto Concannon

**Postlude**

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot, Spiritual

*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).

There will be a **Social Justice Committee meeting** today at 12 in the chapel.

The **Pastoral Care Committee** will meet today at 12 in the library to write cards to people who have expressed a joy or concern recently.

Pre-order a **"Protect Immigrants" yard sign**. The children of First Parish Malden did the artwork! Send a message to your neighbors that we support immigrants. See Sara Krakauer.

**Brew Crew needs more volunteers** - please join us! You will be paired with an experienced volunteer, arrive 30-40 minutes early to make coffee and set up, then assist with cleanup after.

If you have **stationary, stickers, or markers to donate**, we could use them for a project in RE! Please bring them in on Sunday and put them in the office with a note that says Sara or RE.

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.

Join Rev. Otto for a **book discussion** of the Unitarian Universalist Association's Common Read for 2025-2026. We'll read *Social Change Now: A Guide for Reflection and Connection* by Deepa Iyer. February 22nd at noon in the library.

**Join Rev. Otto** and other Church friends at Tous Les Jours for casual discussion and connection on Monday 2/23. Come late/leave early. Otto will buy all refreshments. Every fourth Monday starting in February.

March 1 will be our **Purim Service!** For anyone who finds our Purim Service to be too loud, crowded, and/or chaotic, we will have the service on the large screen TV in the Library.

Please join us for a **Taizé Evening Service** on March 1 at 7pm. This is an hour-long contemplative service. We invite you to participate in singing simple songs or listen. No preparation needed.

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.

Watch 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.

**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: 842 1165 4618; Passcode: 627809

