

# *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.



## *Why Would UUs Celebrate Purim?*

March 1, 2026

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newsletter*



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electronically.*



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<b>Prelude</b>	Rigaudon — Edvard Grieg
<b>Gathering Hymn</b>	There Is a Love
<b>Opening Words</b>	Karen Uminski
<b>Lighting of the Chalice</b>	<p>“For millennia  People have gathered together to hear stories,  To root for the underdog,  To jeer the evil and the unkind.  We see in our stories  Mirrors to our own lives  Where we hope good things will happen to  good people  And that evil will be vanquished.  This morning we gather for story,  For cheering and jeering,  For hope and for justice.  May this ancient story shed new light on our  own lives  And may we know ourselves connected to  millions of listeners who have come before us  and millions of listeners who will come after.  Let us worship together.”</p> <p><i>Purim Call to Worship, by Sharon Wylie</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>	Once There Was a Wicked, Wicked Man by Judy Caplan Ginsburgh (Chorus Only)
<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

# The First Parish Malden Purim Spiel!

Written by Sara Krakauer, adapted from a Megillah Narrative  
by Alan Cook (2012) and Raymond A. Zwerin (1996)

Purim Parody of This Joy by Shirley Caesar

Enter, Rejoice, and Move In

Words by Soren Austenfeld, adapted from Hymn #361 Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

Purim Parody of The Tide is Rising by Shoshana Meira Friedman and Yotam Schacter

Purim Parody of Hymn 1028, The Fire of Commitment by Mary Katherine Morn and  
Jason Shelton

Purim Queen

Words by Sara Krakauer, adapted from Dancing Queen by ABBA

## Offering and Thanksgiving

Malden Reads

## Offertory Music

Oriental Flower — Christopher Norton  
# 1010 We Give Thanks

## Joys, Concerns, and Milestones



## Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Otto Concannon

## Sounding of the Bell and Time of Silence

### Music

Once There Was a Wicked, Wicked Man  
by Judy Caplan Ginsburgh

## 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

Sinfonia No. 5 — Johann Sebastian Bach

*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).

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

Join us today to **color in paper dolls** to send to Amnesty International for their March 4 protest against ICE detention camps.

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.

Registration is open for our **Ferry Beach Retreat** April 24-26<sup>th</sup>!

We're starting a **monthly dinner church!** On Wednesday, March 25 at 6pm, join Rev. Aisha in the social hall for a worship service full of conversation, community, and of course, food! We'll gather again on April 22 and May 27.

Join the Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagan's gathering for the **March Full Moon**. The ritual will focus on releasing fears and a grounding ritual. Tuesday March 3 at 7pm in the Library.

Please join local community organizers for a **weekly ICE OUT stand out** at the intersection of Eastern Ave and Centre St. 11am-12pm in Malden. This visibility and skill sharing event will be held weekly for the foreseeable future.

The **nominating committee** seeks to fill positions for next church year: board member, nominating committee member, moderator & treasurer. For questions or more info, reach out to [board@fpmalden.org](mailto:board@fpmalden.org).

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.

**Join Rev. Otto** and other Church friends at Tous Les Jours for casual discussion and connection on Monday March 10 & 31. Come late/leave early.

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 will NOT be watching an **episode of Andor** on Friday the 27th but we will watch season 2, episode 9 on March 6th at 7:30 in the Library. If you missed episode 7 and/or 8, get in touch with Alexa.

**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

