

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.



Joy is the Secret of Resistance

March 8, 2026

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Prelude

Gathering Hymn We Shall be Known

Opening Words Erika Claire Kuttner

Lighting of the Chalice

We light this chalice
for the quiet truths we carry,
and for the futures we're brave enough to write.
In this circle, we honor
the courage it takes to live openly,
the softness that sustains us,
and the joy and power that grow when we
gather.
As the chalice glows
may we feel steadiness rise in us.
May we trust that our becoming—
messy, radiant, unfolding—wholly belongs to us.

Joy and Power that Grow by Jami Yandle

Greeting We invite you to greet your neighbor.
Take time to go over to someone you
haven't met.

Hymn #108 My Life Flows On

Our Covenant *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.*

Time for All Ages Sara Krakauer

**Children's
Recessional** Be Open, by Debbie Nargi-Brown

Reading Trans Joy by Jes Martinez-Hunt

Hymn #95 There Is More Love Somewhere

Message Heather Vickery

**Offering and
Thanksgiving** Malden Reads

Offertory Music # 1010 We Give Thanks

**Joys, Concerns,
and Milestones**



Pastoral Prayer Ashley Mulcaire

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

Closing Hymn # 1018 Come and Go With Me

**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 Jim Tozza

Benediction Heather Vickery

Postlude

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.

Join Rev. Otto and other Church friends at Tous Les Jours for casual discussion and connection on Mondays March 9 & 30. Come late/leave early.

Our First Parish **Board Meetings are open to everyone!** Join us for the next one from 7-9pm on March 12th. Get the Zoom access info in our newsletter.

Registration is open for our **Ferry Beach Retreat** April 24-26th!

There will be continued conversation about the book **Social Change Now** and how we can apply it in our church. We will have conversation on 3/15, 3/29, 4/12, 5/3, & 5/31. All are welcome for all or some of the conversations.

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 us on March 22nd after the service to discuss the **Malden Reads** pick: Our Missing Hearts by Celeste Ng. Noon in the library.

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. in Malden Saturdays 11am-12pm.

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.

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 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: 869 5584 3170; Passcode: 759600

