

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.



Malden Reads: Our Missing Hearts

March 22, 2026

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Prelude	Sonatina #4, Robert Vandall
Gathering Hymn	We Shall be Known
Opening Words	Erin Murphy
Lighting of the Chalice	<p>With the lighting of this flame Let us grow the of radiance of joy; With the lighting of this flame let us spark the brilliance of hope; With the lighting of this flame let us shine upon the hearts of all those who suffer, who yearn, and who crave the joyful noise of community—all Beings, not one left behind.</p> <p><i>Shining upon the Hearts by Sangye Hawke</i></p>
Greeting	We invite you to greet your neighbor. Take time to go over to someone you haven't met.
Hymn	#1003 Where Do We Come From
Our Covenant	<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>
Time for All Ages	Sara Krakauer
Children's Recessional	Be Open, by Debbie Nargi-Brown
Reading	From <i>Our Missing Hearts</i> by Celeste Ng

Music	Karma Police, Radiohead
Message	Rev. Otto Concannon
Hymn	#15 Lone Wild Bird
Offering and Thanksgiving	Malden Reads
Offertory Music	Imagine, John Lennon #1010 We Give Thanks
Joys, Concerns, and Milestones	
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Otto Concannon
Sounding of the Bell and Time of Silence	
Closing Hymn	#159 This is Our Song
Extinguishing the Chalice	<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>
Our Story	Aisha Cruse
Benediction	Rev. Otto Concannon
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 us after the service to discuss the **Malden Reads** pick: *Our Missing Hearts* by Celeste Ng. Noon in the library.

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.

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 3/29, 5/3, & 5/31. All are welcome for all or some of the conversations.

Registration is open for our **Ferry Beach Retreat** April 24-26th! We will have a few hour long slots for workshops. We'd love to have folks share their skills and joys with us. Please share your workshop proposal with us!

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

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

Are you interested in **becoming a member** of First Parish? Join Rev. Otto in the library on April 12th after the service to learn what it means to be a member of First Parish.

Sacred Rage For the April Full Moon: April 1, 7pm. CUUPs will be banishing the things that are holding us back from our best selves by punching and smashing things. Open to everyone.

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.

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.

Join us Fridays to watch an **episode of Andor** at 7:30 in the Library.

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

