

# *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.



## ***Who Tells the Stories?***

March 29, 2026

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newsletter*



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electronically.*



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<b>Prelude</b>	The Sanctuary Band
<b>Gathering Hymn</b>	We Shall Be Known, MaMuse
<b>Opening Words</b>	Mark Hall
<b>Lighting of the Chalice</b>	<p>With the _____ of this flame  Let us grow the _____ of joy  With the _____ of this flame  Let us spark the _____ of hope  With the _____ of this flame  Let us _____ upon the hearts of all those who  _____  And who crave the joyful _____ of community  All _____ no one left behind</p> <p><i>Shining upon the Hearts by Sangye Hawke and YOU</i></p>
<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>Greeting</b>	We invite you to greet your neighbor. Take time to go over to someone you haven't met.
<b>Hymn</b>	This Joy, Shirley Caesar
<b>Sources of Wisdom Ritual</b>	Ashley Mulcaire
<b>Hymn</b>	When the Spirit Says Do
<b>Meaning Making</b>	Rev. Otto Concannon

**Offering and  
Thanksgiving**

Choose Your Own Adventure!

**Offertory Music**

Unwritten, Natasha Bedingfield  
#1010 We Give Thanks

**Joys, Concerns,  
and Milestones**



**Pastoral Prayer**

Ashley Mulcaire

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

**Closing Hymn**

Come with Me, Joe Jencks & You

**Extinguishing the  
Chalice**

*We \_\_\_\_\_ this flame, but not the light of  
\_\_\_\_\_  
The \_\_\_\_\_ of community, or the fire of  
\_\_\_\_\_  
These we \_\_\_\_\_ in our \_\_\_\_\_ until we meet  
again.*

**Our Story**

David Zerega

**Benediction**

Rev. Otto Concannon

**Postlude**

Come with Me, Joe Jencks

*Music today is led by members of the Sanctuary Boston band.  
Sanctuary Boston is a community of vibrant worship and real  
connection, grounded in Unitarian Universalism and open to seekers of  
all kinds. Sanctuary is an all-ages community that centers the leadership  
and experiences of young adults. The band released an album earlier  
this year that you can find at <https://thesanctuaryboston.bandcamp.com>  
(or pick up a physical copy after the service).*

*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 Musicians today:

Mahika Halepete - voice

Craig Hopkins Russert - guitar

Callie Jennings - piano, voice

**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.

We're starting a **monthly dinner church!** On Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> and May 27<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, join Rev. Aisha in the social hall for a worship service full of conversation, community, and of course, food!

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 24-26<sup>th</sup>! 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 April 27. 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.

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).

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

