

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.



Salt

April 19, 2026

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Prelude	Waving, Christopher Norton
Gathering Hymn	Rooted in Fertile Ground
Opening Words	Therese Perkins
Lighting of the Chalice	<p>All ingredients need salt. The noodle or tender spring pea would be narcissistic to imagine it already contained within its cell walls all the perfection it would ever need. We seem, too, to fear that we are failures at being tender and springy if we need to be seasoned. It's not so: it doesn't reflect badly on pea or person that either needs help to be most itself.</p> <p><i>By Tamar Adler from An Everlasting Meal</i></p>
Greeting	We invite you to greet your neighbor. Take time to go over to someone you haven't met.
Hymn	#298 Wake Now My Senses
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	Ode To Salt by Pablo Neruda

Hymn	#352 Find a Stillness
Message	Rev. Elizabeth Nguyen
Offering and Thanksgiving	GreenRoots
Offertory Music	Farewell to Fiunary, Norman MacLeod # 1010 We Give Thanks
Stewardship Moment	Therese Perkins
Joys, Concerns, and Milestones	
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Elizabeth Nguyen
Sounding of the Bell and Time of Silence	
Closing Hymn	Swimming to the Other Side, Pat Humphries
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	Ingrid Schwamb
Benediction	Rev. Elizabeth Nguyen
Postlude	Thirty Pieces Opus 18/I, No.2, Hugo Distler

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.

Our **Pledge Drive** is in full swing! Please make your pledge online or via a paper pledge form.

Tonight at 6pm in the library, we'll **watch the documentary "Common Enemy."** Afterwards, we'll join an online chat with the UU animal ministry, Director Adam Peditto, & featured community members.

Would you like to be a part of the **First Parish garden team**? Our team plants and tends to the raised beds and schemes for more garden treasures around our building. Contact Therese at perkt4@gmail.com

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

Our next **Outreach Committee Meeting** will be April 21st at 7:30p in the library and on Zoom. Join 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.

Parents and caregivers of little ones~ we've created a **whatsapp group** for sharing relevant community events, programming ideas, meet ups, advice, & building community. tinyurl.com/FPMaldenparentsgroup

Our First Parish **Board Meetings are open to everyone!** Join us for the next one from 7-9pm on May 8th. Get Zoom info in our newsletter.

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 for a **discussion of the YA book "Leia: Princess of Alderaan"** by Claudia Gray. Open to all. May 1, 7:30p, Library

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: 823 0326 7404; Passcode: 574444