

# *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.



## ***This is How It Begins***

May 3, 2026

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<b>Prelude</b>	Allegro in G Major, G.F. Handel
<b>Gathering Hymn</b>	Where You Go I Will Go
<b>Opening Words</b>	Erin Murphy
<b>Lighting of the Chalice</b>	<p>We are all flames.  When we gather  hand in hand  our church  our community  our home  We inspire,  We celebrate,  We come together  Sharing our light  of hope  for our shared future.  <i>Shared Light, Shared Future By Josh, Prudence, &amp; Percival Robern</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>	# 1028 Fire of Commitment
<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
<b>Music</b>	Life is a High Way by Rascal Flatts

<b>Reading</b>	A History of Church, Including Yours By Sean Neil-Barron
<b>Message</b>	Rev. Otto Concannon
<b>Offering and Thanksgiving</b>	UU Mass Action
<b>Offertory Music</b>	A Waltz for Evelyn, Lou Harrison #1010 We Give Thanks
<b>Stewardship Moment</b>	Cory Shapiro-deBock
<b>Joys, Concerns, and Milestones</b>	
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>	Rev. Otto Concannon
<b>Sounding of the Bell and Time of Silence</b>	
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	#1064 Blue Boat Home
<b>Extinguishing the Chalice</b>	<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>
<b>Our Story</b>	Patrick Mayfield
<b>Benediction</b>	Rev. Otto Concannon
<b>Postlude</b>	Dance of Zalongo, Traditional Greek

*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).

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

Our next **Outreach Committee** Meeting will be today, May 3rd in the library at about noon. Join us!

Please join us for a **Taizé Evening Service** this evening at 7pm. This is an hour-long contemplative service. We invite you to participate in singing simple songs or listen. No preparation needed.

Our next **Worship** meeting is May 4th at 7:30pm in the library and on Zoom.

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](mailto:perkt4@gmail.com)

First Parish Malden has its **Annual Meeting Sunday May 17th** after church.

We're starting a **monthly dinner church**! On Wednesday, 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!

Our next **Pastoral Care** meeting is May 9th at 12pm. The Pastoral Care team helps support members of our First Parish community when times are hard, and celebrates when times are good. All are welcome.

**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](https://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](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: 865 8687 0980; Passcode: 469688