

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.



The Truths and Lies of the Hero's Journey

May 17, 2026

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Prelude	First Arabesque, Claude Debussy
Gathering Hymn	Where You Go I Will Go
Opening Words	Aisha Cruse
Lighting of the Chalice	<p>This chalice is for the living, the changing, the becoming.</p> <p>This chalice is for losing the script of your life, the chapters about who you are in other people's stories.</p> <p>This chalice is for the lost GPS that was supposed to show you how to get where they expected you to go.</p> <p>This chalice is for skipping the directions, coloring outside the lines, painting—not by number—but by silence, by wild abandon, with a brush you made yourself from light deep inside.</p> <p>Startling. Vivid. A new voice that already knows you. Finally, a true story.</p> <p><i>A True Story By Li Kynvi</i></p>
Greeting	We invite you to greet your neighbor. Take time to go over to someone you haven't met.
Music	The Impossible Dream (The Quest), by Mitch Leigh and Joe Darion
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>
New Member Ceremony	Rev. Otto Concannon

Children's Recessional	Be Open, by Debbie Nargi-Brown
Reading	The Journey By Mary Oliver
Hymn	Courage, My Friends
Message	Rev. Otto Concannon
Offering and Thanksgiving	UU Mass Action
Offertory Music	Selva tropical, Wynn-Anne Rossi #1010 We Give Thanks
Joys, Concerns, and Milestones	
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Otto Concannon
Sounding of the Bell and Time of Silence	
Closing Hymn	We Will Carry Each Other
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	David Zerega
Benediction	Rev. Otto Concannon
Postlude	Hornpipe from Water Music, G.F. Handel

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.

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

VegUUns will be meeting to start a new group to see what we as a church can do to advocate for animals. Please join us on Sunday, May 24 at about noon in the library, and bring ideas of how you'd like First Parish to advocate for animals.

Come see **"Why Are You You?"** at 7pm on 5/21 in the Library. This documentary explores the stories of the Young Religious Unitarian Universalists (YRUU), a continent wide youth empowerment program.

In preparation of the service **"Meg and Hercules"** on May 24, we will be watching **Disney's 1997 film "Hercules"** in the sanctuary at 2 PM on 5/23. There will be light refreshments.

Engage Malden will be showing **"The Voice of Hind Rajab"** on Saturday, May 23 at 5:30 in the social hall. Register for tickets online. Limited seats available. No children.

May **Otto Chats** will be on 5/26 from 4-6pm at Tous Les Jours. Join Rev. Otto and other Church friends for a very casual discussion about life, Church, and (probably) science fiction. Come late/leave early. Otto will buy all refreshments.

The next meeting of our **monthly dinner church** will be Wednesday, May 27th at 6pm. Join Rev. Aisha in the social hall for a worship service full of conversation, community, and of course, food!

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.

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

