

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.



Water Communion

September 13, 2026

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newsletter*



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Prelude	Etude No.9 — Philip Glass
Gathering Hymn	Where You Go
Opening Words	Therese Perkins
Lighting of the Chalice	<i>We light this chalice as a symbol of reunion. We reunite to share the flow of our hearts with one another. We gather together in ritual to celebrate our fountains of joy to hold each other through storms of grief to guide one another through rapids of transformation to rest together on ponds of stillness. Together, we honor the spirit of water, its many forms, and its life-giving essence.</i> The Spirit of Water By Katie Gelfand
Greeting	We invite you to greet your neighbor. Take time to go over to someone you haven't met.
Hymn	#1064 Blue Boat Home
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
Reading	Like The Water by Wendell Berry
Music	Coming Home by Shari Woodbury

Message

Rev. Otto Concannon

Water Communion

**Offering and
Thanksgiving**

LUCE

Offertory Music

For Susanna Kyle — Leonard Bernstein
#1010 We Give Thanks

**Joys, Concerns,
and Milestones**



Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Otto Concannon

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

Hymn

This Boat by Laura Zucker

**Chalice
Extinguishment**

*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.*

Our Story

Ingrid Schneider

Benediction

Rev. Otto Concannon

Postlude

The Grand Promenade — Martha Sherrill
Kelsey

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.

Board Meetings are open to everyone. Next on Thursday, September 17th, from 7-9pm. Join us via Zoom.

Cards & Chocolate (Pastoral Care Meetings): second Sunday at noon after church in the library; next on September 13th

Join us for the Tashlich Ritual at Fellsmere Pond, after worship on Sunday September 13th! All are invited to come learn about this ritual which is a traditional part of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish new year.

Please join **VegUUns Animal Advocates** on Sunday 9/13 at 7 pm in the Library for a showing and discussion of "The Humane Hoax" and how the concept of Ahimsa will help us see beyond labels & respond with compassion.

The **Partners In Democracy MA Action team** is leading a workshop at noon on 9/20 to raise awareness of All-Party State Primaries, Election-Day Voter Registration, and Expanding the Public Records Law. We'll break down the details of each proposal & create space for questions, concerns, and thoughts!

Join us after Coffee Hour on Sunday September 20th for the **CUUPS chapter meeting!** We will be discussing the Chapter Altar, Full Moon Gatherings, Scheduling Seasonal Potlucks, and more. All are welcome!

The **Grants Committee** is applying for a grant to fund the restoration of the building. We're looking for a few church members who are residents of Malden to write letters of support that convey how the building fosters community.

Want to hang out with our congregation's awesome children and youth? The RE team is seeking **additional adult helpers**. There are lots of options, most requiring a commitment of <1-2 hours a month. If interested, talk to Sara.

Nerd Night - Board Games at First Parish: Come and join fellow parishioners to get to know each other, share your passions and personal projects, and be your authentic nerdy self over board games. First & third Tuesdays, 7-9pm.

Animal Advocacy Meeting on 9/27: Everyone is welcome to join the VegUUns in the Parish Library at noonish. We will talk about how we can advocate for animals and the Earth and possible field trips.

Scary Saturday movie screenings: Saturdays at 7 pm in the Parish 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.

Beautiful Lotus in a Sea of Fire Meditation Group: Join Rev. Ralph's meditation group on Wednesdays from 7-8:30 on Zoom.

Register your Child for Religious Education: tinyurl.com/FPMaldenRE2627.

Choir and band meet weekly on Tuesdays! All are encouraged and welcome to join, even if you can't attend all rehearsals.

Want to **follow along** with the screenshare or captions on your phone? Join the Zoom meeting: Meeting ID: 892 5977 6435; Passcode: 072958.

