

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.



How Do I Talk About 9/11?

September 20, 2026

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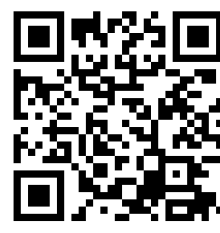
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Prelude	Pastoral Dance - Paul Creston
Gathering Hymn	
Opening Words	Anna Geoffroy
Lighting of the Chalice	<i>"Why a flaming chalice?" the question comes. It's the cup of life, we answer. A cup of blessings overflowing. A cup of water to quench our spirits' thirst. A cup of wine for celebration and dedication. The flame of truth. The fire of purification. Oil for anointing, healing. Out of chaos, fear, and horror, thus was the symbol crafted, a generation ago. So may it be for us, in these days of uncertainty, sorrow, and rage. And a light to warm our souls and guide us home.</i> Chalice Lighting for Challenging Times by Lisa Doege, written for 9/11
Greeting	We invite you to greet your neighbor. Take time to go over to someone you haven't met.
Hymn	#159 This Is My Song
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
Hymn	#1032 Daoona Nayeesh
Children's Recessional	Be Open, by Debbie Nargi-Brown

Reading	From "First Writing Since" by Suheir Hammad
Message	Arthur Blenheim
Offering and Thanksgiving	LUCE
Offertory Music	Chaconne - J.C.F. Fischer #1010 We Give Thanks
Joys & Concerns,	
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Otto Concannon
Sounding of the Bell and Time of Silence	
Hymn	Where You Go
Chalice Extinguishment	<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	Dave Zerega
Benediction	Rev. Otto Concannon
Postlude	Diversion No.5 - Robert Muczynski

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.

Join us for the Tashlich Ritual at Fellsmere Pond, after worship today!
All are invited to come learn about this ritual which is a traditional part of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish new year. (In case of rain, we will be indoors)

The **Partners In Democracy MA Action team** is leading a workshop at noon *today* 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!

Join us for a **pre-Halloween, costume optional, dance party!** Saturday, October 17th from 7:30-9:30 in Fellowship Hall. RSVP to perkt4@gmail.com to win a trick or treat!

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.

Do you have a child in 4th or 5th grade? Email Sara@fpmalden.org for more information on our **comprehensive sexuality education program, OWL**, starting Oct. 4th. Registration is open.

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.

