

# *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 Opposite of Loneliness***

September 27, 2026

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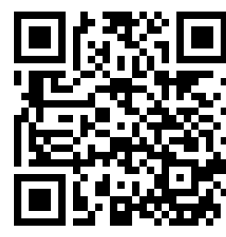
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| <b>Prelude</b>                 | Bourree — George Philipp Telemann                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Gathering Hymn</b>          | Where You Go                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Opening Words</b>           | Erin Stringfellow                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Lighting of the Chalice</b> | <p><i>Whether you are from the South, the East, the North, or the West</i></p> <p><i>Whether you were born into this faith, found it, or it found you</i></p> <p><i>Whether you feel at home or are still trying to find your place</i></p> <p><i>Whether you believe in God, are open to mystery, or still have no idea</i></p> <p><i>Whether you are unemployed, underemployed, cobbling things together, overworking, or in school</i></p> <p><i>Whether you are holding anxiety, grief, confusion, anger, hope, restlessness, or deep peace</i></p> <p><i>Unitarian Universalism has a place for you.</i></p> <p><i>It is right here.</i></p> <p><i>And this chalice is lit for you.</i></p> <p>This Chalice Is Lit for You By Tara Humphries</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>                   | How Can I Keep From Singing?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| <b>Music</b>                                    | Eleanor Rigby                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Reading</b>                                  | Belonging by Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Message</b>                                  | Rev. Otto Concannon                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Offering and Thanksgiving</b>                | LUCE                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Offertory Music</b>                          | Album Leaf Op.7 — Theodor Kirchner<br>#1010 We Give Thanks                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Joys &amp; Concerns,</b>                     |                                                                                           |
| <b>Pastoral Prayer</b>                          | Rev. Otto Concannon                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Sounding of the Bell and Time of Silence</b> |                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Hymn</b>                                     | We Will Carry Each Other                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Chalice Extinguishment</b>                   | <i>We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth,<br/>The warmth of community, or the fire of commitment.<br/>These we carry in our hearts until we meet again.</i> |
| <b>Our Story</b>                                | Erin Stringfellow                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Benediction</b>                              | Rev. Otto Concannon                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Postlude</b>                                 | Bounce — David McIntyre                                                                                                                                                    |

*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).

**Animal Advocacy Meeting** today! 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.

Join us for **Coffee Hour Activism Table** (CHAT). This week's table connects our covenant with Palestine. We can't wait to see you.

**Otto Chats 9/28, 4-6pm.** Join Rev. Otto and Church friends at Tous Les Jours for a very casual discussion about life, Church, and (probably) science fiction. Come late/leave early. Otto will buy all refreshments.

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](mailto: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:** Join fellow parishioners to get to know each other, share your passions & personal projects, and be your authentic nerdy self over board games. First & third Tuesdays, 7-9pm.

Recruiting designers and painters to **help paint a tree on the stairwell** up to the Treehouse. If you are interested in being involved, email [Sara@fpmalden.org](mailto:Sara@fpmalden.org).

**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](https://tinyurl.com/FPMaldenRE2627).

Do you have a child in 4th or 5th grade? Email [Sara@fpmalden.org](mailto: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.

