

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.



I Will Always Love You

October 4, 2026

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newsletter*



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Prelude	Appalachian Medley — Traditional
Gathering Hymn	May I Be Light
Opening Words	Erin Murphy
Lighting of the Chalice	<i>“There’s something bigger and better than us and we need to connect to that to make us better people. And the more you can draw from that, the better off you are, not just for yourself, but for all the things from people that you can touch by believing that.”</i> By Dolly Parton
Greeting	We invite you to greet your neighbor. Take time to go over to someone you haven’t met.
Hymn	9 to 5
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
Music	I Will Always Love You
Reflection	Rev. Otto Concannon

Music & Story Coat of Many Colors

**Offering and
Thanksgiving** United American Indians of New England

Offertory Music Shady Grove — Traditional
#1010 We Give Thanks

Joys & Concerns,



Pastoral Prayer Rev. Otto Concannon

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

Closing Hymn Light of a Clear Blue Morning

**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 David Zerega

Benediction Rev. Otto Concannon

Postlude This Train — Traditional

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.

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.

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.

There will be a **House & Grounds team meeting** this Wednesday at 7:30pm in the library.

GMAACC invites Medford & Malden residents to their upcoming **Coming Home Dinner** series. Participants will practice somatic exercises & creatively reflect on what belonging feels like in Medford & Malden.

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.

Please join us for a **Taizé Evening Service** this evening 10/4 at 7pm. This is an hour-long contemplative service. We invite you to participate in singing simple songs or listen. No preparation needed.

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: 819 9779 4182; Passcode: 680765

