

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.



“Pay it No Mind”

October 25, 2026

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Prelude	Songs without Words Op.19, No.2 — Felix Mendelssohn
Gathering Hymn	May I Be Light
Opening Words	Logan Widick
Lighting of the Chalice	<i>As we light this chalice, let us remember those who came before us: our LGBTQ+ ancestors. Those who had unimaginable courage to fight for an equitable world they would never get an opportunity to witness. Those who planted the seeds of revolution, demanding we be afforded the rights we deserve. And those who we've lost along the way. May this flame remind us of our commitment to carry on their legacy and to continue to fight for the rights of LGBTQ+ people everywhere.</i> To Fight for an Equitable World by Tyler Boyle
Greeting	We invite you to greet your neighbor. Take time to go over to someone you haven't met.
Music	Show Us How To Love by Mark Miller
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, Director of Religious Education
Children's Recessional	Be Open, by Debbie Nargi-Brown
Reading	From <i>Marsha: The Joy and Defiance of Marsha P. Johnson</i> By Tourmaline

Hymn	#352 Find a Stillness
Message	Rev. Otto Concannon
Offering and Thanksgiving	United American Indians of New England
Offertory Music	Scarborough Fair — English Folk Song #1010 We Give Thanks
Joys & Concerns	
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Otto Concannon
Sounding of the Bell and Time of Silence	
Closing Hymn	None of Us Are Free by Solomon Burke
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	Patrick Mayfield
Benediction	Rev. Otto Concannon
Postlude	With All my Being I Wish You Well — Conrad Paumann

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 **Coffee Hour Activism Table** (CHAT). This week's topic is voting. We can't wait to see you.

Each year First Parish sponsors a family through **Merry Malden**. We buy holiday gifts off the lists provided by the kiddos. If you'd like to be involved, email perkt4@gmail.com

Next **New Member Ceremony** will be November 22nd during service. If you're interested in becoming a member of First Parish, join Rev. Otto in the Chapel on 10/25 to learn what it means to be a member

Please join us in the Parish Library around noon today for **Cards & Chocolates**. We'll eat chocolate while we write cards for Community members who've expressed a joy, sorrow, or anything in between.

Join Rev. Otto on November 8th from 12-1 in the Chapel for a continued discussion after our **Difficult Questions Service**. All are invited to explore the worship topic in a deeper, supportive, way.

Taizé Service: November 1 at 7pm in the Sanctuary. Please join us for this hour-long contemplative service. We invite you to participate in singing simple songs or listen. No preparation needed.

How can our values and spiritual commitments inform our ethical understanding of artificial intelligence? Weijia Cheng will host a **workshop on AI literacy & discernment**. November 15th, 12-1:30pm in the Chapel.

Task Force assemble! A "Future of First Parish" team has been established to take a look at all the options for what comes next for our congregation, our space, our future. Questions? perkt4@gmail.com

Speed Friending is Back! Who am I? Who are You? Let's find out. Join us for a low pressure & fun way to get to know each other. Sunday November 8th at 12:00 in the chapel. perkt4@gmail.com

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.

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.

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

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: 819 9779 4182; Passcode: 680765

