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.

What Are Your Difficult Questions?

November 8, 2026

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Prelude	Intermezzo — Scott Michal
Gathering Hymn	#389 Gathered Here
Opening Words	Matt Collins
Lighting of the Chalice	*A large gray rock is cracked down the middle,* *where many small colorful stones are caught* *We seek our place in the world* *and the answers to our hearts' deep questions.* *As we seek, may our hearts be open to unexpected answers.* *May the light of our chalice remind us that this is a community of warmth,* *of wisdom,* *and welcoming of multiple truths.* Open to Unexpected Answers by Julianne Lepp
Greeting	We invite you to greet your neighbor. Take time to go over to someone you haven't met.
Hymn	Joy in the Morning - *Sing Out Love*
Covenant	*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.*
Time for All Ages	Sara Krakauer
Children's Recessional	Be Open, by Debbie Nargi-Brown
Reading	From *Letters to a Young Poet* by Rainer Maria Rilke

Hymn	#1003 Where Do We Come From
Message	Rev. Otto Concannon
Offering and Thanksgiving	Bread of Life
Offertory Music	Sarabande in G — Dietrich Buxtehude #1010 We Give Thanks
Joys & Concerns	
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Otto Concannon
Sounding of the Bell and Time of Silence	
Closing Hymn	#354 We Laugh, We Cry v.1, 4
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	Fanfares — Gerald Shapiro

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.

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. Today at 12:00 in the chapel.

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

Next **New Member Ceremony** will be November 22nd during service. If you're interested in becoming a member of First Parish, speak with Rev. Otto to learn what it means to be a member.

How can our values and spiritual commitments inform our ethical understanding of artificial intelligence? Weijia Cheng will host a **workshop on AI literacy & discernment** on 11/15, 12-1:30pm in the Chapel.

November 22 is **Pie Sunday**, the best coffee hour around! Pie Sunday is a First Parish Malden holy day. Bring pie! Eat pie! Come just for coffee hour if you want! Best coffee hour in town (still!).

Next **Otto Chats** at Tous Les Jours, 11/23, 4-6pm. Join Rev. Otto and other Church friends for casual discussion about life, Church, and (probably) science fiction. Come late/leave early. Otto will buy all refreshments.

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

Recruting 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: 851 4376 2427; Passcode: 912975