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.

Ethical Questions in AI

November 15, 2026

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Prelude	Fantasia— G.F. Handel
Gathering Hymn	#389 Gathered Here
Opening Words	Anna Geoffrey
Lighting of the Chalice	*By the light of this chalice* *we prepare for the future.* *We prepare ourselves* *for the times of triumph* *and times of trial that might come.* *We prepare ourselves to be present* *to one another with loving hearts* *even in the most difficult of times.* *We prepare ourselves* *to make the connections* *that will lift us out of isolation* *and prepare the path of justice and equality.* By Robin F. Gray
Greeting	We invite you to greet your neighbor. Take time to go over to someone you haven't met.
Music	Big Yellow Taxi by Joni Mitchell
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	Ashley Mulcaire
Children's Recessional	Be Open, by Debbie Nargi-Brown
Music	Hope by Dr. Ysaÿe M. Barnwel

Reading	Artificial Intelligence by Adrienne Rich
Message	Rev. Otto Concannon
Offering and Thanksgiving	Bread of Life
Offertory Music	Prelude in b minor - Alexander Morovsky #1010 We Give Thanks
Joys & Concerns	
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Otto Concannon
Sounding of the Bell and Time of Silence	
Closing Hymn	#298 Wake Now, My Senses
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	Erin Stringfellow
Benediction	Rev. Otto Concannon
Postlude	Intervallactica—Christopher Goldston

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.

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.

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.

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.

Our next **Dinner Church** is on **Wednesday 11/25** at 6pm. Join Rev. Aisha in the social hall for a worship service full of conversation, community, and of course, food!

Please take what is yours from **the Lost & Found** in the office before it is discarded on December 1st.

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