

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.



Water Communion

September 10, 2023

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survey &
win!*



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about our
congregation.*



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Masks are suggested but not required.

Prelude Sonata in A Major K.208 by Domenico Scarlatti

Hymn I'm Gonna Lift My Sister Up
Faya Ora Rose Touré

Opening Words Worship Associate

Lighting of the Chalice *We light this chalice as a symbol of reunion.
We reunite in this sanctuary to share the flow of our hearts with one another.
We gather together in ritual to celebrate our fountains of joy to hold each other through storms of grief to guide one another through rapids of transformation to rest together on ponds of stillness.
Together, we honor the spirit of water, its many forms, and its life-giving essence.*
(The Spirit of Water, By Katie Sivani Gelfand)

Greeting We invite you to greet your neighbor. Take time to walk over to someone you haven't met.

Hymn #4 I Brought My Spirit to the Sea

Land Acknowledgement FPM is on the native land of the Massachuset, Naumkeag, Pawtucket, and Pennacook people.

Our Covenant *We, the members of the First Parish in Malden, covenant in friendship to create together a community of respect, equality, openness, trust, and compassion. We pledge ourselves to hospitality, understanding, spiritual growth, sharing, and participation.*

Director of Religious Education Commissioning Rev. Aisha Ansano & Sara Krakauer, DRE

Music/Song of Welcome	Standing Stone by Melanie DeMore
Time for All Ages	What keeps our community afloat
Reading	Excerpt from "Blue Mind" by Wallace J. Nichols.
Water Communion	Rev. Aisha Ansano
Water Communion Music	I Am the Calm by Carole Marie Downing, add'l harmonies by Patricia Norton Hymn #1064 Blue Boat Home
Blessing the Water	Rev. Aisha Ansano
Offering and Thanksgiving	The Trans Resistance Network
Offertory Music	The Seagull (Irish Folk Song)
Offertory Dedication	#1010 We Give Thanks
Joys, Concerns, and Milestones	Worship leader
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Aisha Ansano
Sounding of the Bell and Time of Silence	
Hymn	#100 I've Got Peace Like a River
Extinguishing the Chalice	<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	Board Member
Benediction	Rev. Aisha Ansano
Postlude	March by Tony Caramia

Join us for a welcome back BBQ after the service.



For all announcements, see the newsletter for more details!

To share an announcement, please email it to admin@fpmalden.org.

To meet with Rev. Otto, go to www.calendly.com/revottoconnor.

Coffee hour today will be a BBQ, weather allowing!

Worship band rehearsal will be held on Thursday 9/14 (first rehearsal!), in person only, 6-8pm; and Sunday 9/17 at 9:30am, performance during service.

Religious Education (register at tinyurl.com/fpmaldenRE23reg)

- Sunday, September 17: Children's Chapel for all ages
- Sunday, September 24: First RE Classes

We are looking for adults who would like to **spend time with our children on Sundays** 1-2 times/month. Community members without young children and parents/caregivers are all welcome!

We will be **screening the Barbie Movie at 7:30pm on 9/13**, in advance of our upcoming service on the UU theology and themes that show up in the Barbie movie.

Our **First Parish Board Meetings** are open to everyone! Join us for the next one from 7-9pm on September 12th. Get the Zoom access info in our newsletter.

Donate to **support the Trans Resistance Network relocation efforts** on the First Parish donation page by selecting "Give to Trans Fund" in the first drop down. Reach out to Heather Vickery with questions.

We are consider holding a round of **Our Whole Lives for adults** this fall. Right now, we're collecting interest - see the newsletter for details.

