

*This month's theme is  
EQUITY*

*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.



***Drag Easter***

April 20, 2025



<b>Prelude Hymn</b>	#188 Come, Come, Whoever You Are
<b>Hymn</b>	Blackbird by Lennon/McCartney
<b>Opening Words</b>	Erin Murphy
<b>Lighting of the Chalice</b>	<p>As the first hint of green begins to peek through the barren ground  As that little sprig grows into a healthy stem  As that stem grows into a stalk and forms a bud  As that bud slowly opens with each new day  To form a yellow daffodil  Let us be, like that first hint of green, renewed by the warm of the sun's rays  And ready to emerge with a new energy, ready to face the day.  We light this chalice to bring a glimmer of that warmth into our space.  By Jennifer McGlothlin</p>
<b>Greeting</b>	We invite you to greet your neighbor. Take time to go over to someone you haven't met.
<b>Hymn</b>	Closer to Fine by Emily Sailors/The Indigo Girls
<b>Land Acknowledgement</b>	FPM is on the native land of the Massachuset, Naumkeag, Pawtucket, and Pennacook people.
<b>Our Covenant</b>	<i>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.</i>
<b>Time for All Ages</b>	Just JP
<b>Children's Recessional</b>	Be Open by Debbie Nargi-Brown

<b>Reading</b>	Easter by M Jade Kaiser
<b>Hymn</b>	Jesus Was a Drag Queen by Melody Walker & Mercy Bell
<b>Message</b>	Rev. Otto Concannon
<b>Offering and Thanksgiving</b>	Bread of Life
<b>Offertory Music</b>	Garden by Soren Austenfeld #1010 We Give Thanks
<b>Joys, Concerns, and Milestones</b>	
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>	Rev. Otto Concannon
<b>Sounding of the Bell and Time of Silence</b>	
<b>Hymn</b>	#268 Jesus Christ is Risen Today
<b>Extinguishing the Chalice</b>	<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>
<b>Our Story</b>	Patrick Mayfield
<b>Benediction</b>	Rev. Otto Concannon
<b>Postlude</b>	BLACKBIIRD (from Beyoncé's Cowboy Carter)

*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](mailto:admin@fpmalden.org).

**Seeking volunteers and paid staff in RE!** We have volunteer opportunities for next church year & during CUUSP Week in August. We are also hiring paid staff for both RE next year and CUUSP Week.

Are you **interested in becoming a member** of First Parish? Join Rev. Otto online on May 1st to learn what it means to be a member of First Parish. Questions? Email Rev. Otto.

**Rev. Otto is holding office hours** again from 4-6p on April 28. Meet Rev. Otto and others for coffee and conversation (on the minister) at Tous Les Jours. All are welcome.

Mark your calendar for the **annual meeting** on Sunday, May 4th. This is your chance to exercise our democratic process! We'll be voting on the budget and new board members.

**Mystery Friends is back!** Through this program, children and adults get to know each other by exchanging either letters or drawings. Please send questions to [melissa.s.rifkin@gmail.com](mailto:melissa.s.rifkin@gmail.com)

**Beautiful Lotus in a Sea of Fire Meditation Group:** Join Rev. Ralph's meditation group on Wednesdays from 7-8:30 in the library or on Zoom.

Want to **follow along** with the screenshare or captions on your phone? Join the Zoom meeting: Meeting ID: 879 1298 1159; Passcode: 808116

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