

***This month's theme is
COVENANT***

***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.



***May the Force Be
With You***

May 4, 2025

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Prelude	Allemande from French Suite No.5 by JS Bach
Opening Words	Erik Fearing
Lighting of the Chalice	<p>Leader: May the force be with you! Congregation: And also with you! L: Lift up your lightsabers C: We lift them up to the Rebellion L: We cast away the spirit of Jar-Jar, bringer of mindless chatter and unnecessary anecdotes. We call forth the spirit of Obi-wan Kenobi, patient teacher and speaker of riddles. C: Come, spirit of Obi-wan Kenobi, come. L: We call forth the spirit of Yoda, ancient teacher of wisdom. C: Come, spirit of Yoda, come. L: We call forth the spirit of Padme, strong and fierce leader of nations, and mother. C: Come, spirit of Padme, come. L: We call forth the spirit of Han Solo, determined friend and defier of odds. C: Come, spirit of Han Solo, come. L: We call forth the spirit of R2-D2, humble in service and great of heart. C: Come, spirit of R2-D2, come. L: The force is truly with us. In a sign of community and mutuality, let us share a sign of the force with one another.</p> <p><i>May the Force be With You by Lazarus Jameson</i></p>
Greeting	We invite you to greet your neighbor. Take time to go over to someone you haven't met.
Music	Sure on This Shining Night (text: James Agee, music: Samuel Barber), performed by Matt Collins and Janna Bruene
Land Acknowledgement	FPM is on the native land of the Massachuset, Naumkeag, Pawtucket, and Pennacook people.
Our Covenant	<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>

**New Member
Recognition
Ceremony**

**Children's
Recessional**

Be Open by Debbie Nargi-Brown

Reading

from *Return of the Jedi*

Hymn

Which Side Are You On?

Message

Rev. Otto Concannon

**Offering and
Thanksgiving**

Minister's Discretionary Fund

Offertory Music

Touches Blanches by Darius Milhaud
#1010 We Give Thanks

**Joys, Concerns,
and Milestones**

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Otto Concannon

**Sounding of the Bell
and Time of Silence**

Hymn

#159 This is My Song

**Extinguishing the
Chalice**

*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

Star Wars (Main Theme) by John Williams

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.

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.

Rev. Otto will be leading a 6-session group this summer on **"Making Interfaith Connections."** In these times, we are more impacted by what connects us than what separates us. Let's make some connections.

On June 1st, **Rev. Otto's monthly book club** will meet to discuss *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott. Louisa May Alcott is a famous 19th century Unitarian, as well as a feminist and abolitionist, who was a big part of the Transcendentalist movement, which influenced who we are today. All are welcome! We hope to see you there.

The **Mystery Friends reveal breakfast** will be on 5/18 at 9:30 in Durgin Hall. Mystery Friends participants, their friends and family members, and others who are interested are invited to join.

All sessions meet on Tuesdays from 7:30-9pm
Dates: July 1, July 15, July 22, July 29, August 5, August 26
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.

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: 873 4886 0159; Passcode: 046077

