

**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.



***Authenticity
Not Perfection***

May 11, 2025

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Prelude	Oriente by Enrique Granados
Hymn	It's a Sunshine Day from The Brady Bunch
Opening Words	Ingrid Schneider
Lighting of the Chalice	<p>Leaders: Because there have been times when shame has crushed our ability to be wholehearted</p> <p>Congregation: We let go of who we ought to be and embrace who we are.</p> <p>L: Because we have not always had the courage to be imperfect</p> <p>C: We let go of who we ought to be and embrace who we are.</p> <p>L: Because we have struggled to have compassion for ourselves or others</p> <p>C: We let go of who we ought to be and embrace who we are.</p> <p>L: Because we have been afraid of our own vulnerability</p> <p>C: We let go of who we ought to be and embrace who we are.</p> <p>L: Because we are sometimes too scared to live authentically</p> <p>C: We let go of who we ought to be and embrace who we are.</p> <p>L: Because we want to be whole-hearted people, confident in our worthiness and our belonging</p> <p>C: We let go of who we ought to be and embrace who we are.</p> <p>By Dawn Skjei Cooley</p>
Greeting	We invite you to greet your neighbor. Take time to go over to someone you haven't met.
Music	Free Treasure by Adrienne Lenker
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>

Child Dedication	Scarlett Jean Dammers
Children's Recessional	Be Open by Debbie Nargi-Brown
Reading	from <i>The Gifts of Imperfection</i> by Brené Brown
Hymn	#131 Love Will Guide Us
Message	Rev. Otto Concannon
Offering and Thanksgiving	Minister's Discretionary Fund
Offertory Music	Groove #2 by Paul Mottram #1010 We Give Thanks
Joys, Concerns, and Milestones	
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Otto Concannon
Sounding of the Bell and Time of Silence	
Hymn	#1028 Fire of Commitment
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	Aisha Cruse
Benediction	Rev. Otto Concannon
Postlude	African Incantation by Gyorgy Ranki

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. Tuesdays 7:30-9pm on 7/1, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29, 8/5, 8/26

In an effort to increase our fundraising efforts, we are currently looking at grants to help with building costs, but any grants could be helpful. If you have experience in grant writing, or interest in helping, please contact Rev. Otto.

Help us get the word out at Malden Pride! If you are available on June 22nd anytime between 10am and 5pm, we could use your help to table at Malden Pride. Contact Kallie at kalliemotola97@gmail.com.

On June 1st, **Rev. Otto's monthly book club** will meet to discuss Little Women by Louisa May Alcott. Alcott was a Unitarian, & part of the Transcendentalist movement, which influenced who we are today. All are welcome!

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.

We are looking for **volunteers to help with CUUSP Week**, our awesome summer program which will take place the week of August 18th. If you love working with kids, please consider joining us for part of the week.

Rev. Otto is hosting **office hours** from 4pm-6pm at Tous Les Jours on May 19th. Show up for coffee and conversation (on the minister) anytime, leave anytime. 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: 846 2873 9419, Passcode: 128402

