

Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts



As an open and affirming congregation
the Mission and Purpose of Trinity Church is to:

Gather as God's people.

Grow in faith, love and service.

Go into the world as disciples and apostles.



Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 18, 2026

“All people are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality,
tied in a single garment of destiny.”

Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

We welcome all of you to our worship service this Sunday!
If you are visiting, please sign our guest book or fill out a welcome card
in the pew so we can better welcome you!

* = Please rise in body or Spirit.

We kindly ask for your cooperation in keeping our space fragrance-free.

Order of Worship

PRELUDE – *Prelude in a*, BWV 559, J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING HYMN

“MORNING HAS BROKEN” (UMH 145)

CALL TO WORSHIP – *From the words of Martin Luther King, Jr.*

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray... **We thank you, O God, for calling us into your church to be your people. We have gathered because we have heard your call. You have reached out to us, you have touched us with your Spirit and we have turned toward you, seeking to love as we have been loved. Help us to hear your call and answer. Help empower us to worship and serve, you, walking gently on this earth together. Amen**

*OPENING HYMN

“JESUS WALKED THIS LONESOME VALLEY” (TFWS 2112)

TIME FOR ALL AGES

FIRST GOSPEL READING

JOHN 1:35-42

SECOND GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 4:18-22

SERMON – *“Who’s Calling”*

Rev. Kate Stevens

MUSICAL INTERLUDE – *Prayer in Bb*, Alexandre Guilmant

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray... **Gracious Spirit, you have given us gifts and we have misused them and not used them. We envy some gifts and belittle others. You call to us and we do not always respond. We hang on to the status quo. Return us to a clear focus on your compassion and power. Help us to use our gifts and encourage the gifts of others.**

SILENCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The love of God is always offered to us, freely, joyfully, for all eternity. Rejoice, dear friends, this is the good news! **Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Remaining in our pews,
let us turn to our neighbors and offer a sign of God's peace.*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray together the Lord's Prayer, using whichever words or language are closest to our hearts (some versions may be found at UMH 894).

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Here at Trinity Church, we live in hope that love can bring renewal and healing to our world. Let us practice this world together, sharing what we have, taking care of each other, and bringing all our questions and concerns as honest offerings to God.

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY MUSIC – *Erscheinen ist der herrliche Tag (This Glorious Day has Arrived)*,
J. Walther

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ and Spirit one. Amen**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN

"PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND" (UMH 474)

*BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN" (UMH 673, v. 1)

POSTLUDE – *Gloria*, François Couperin

Today's Worship Ministers

Guest Presider & Preacher: Rev. Kate Stevens

Musician: Keith Rollinson

Acolyte: Nicole Porter

Reader 1: Karyne Dufesne

Reader 2: Nancy Parland

Usher: Andrew Porter

Videographer: Kyle Porter