

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.

TRINITY CHURCH

January 19, 2025

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

10:00 AM

We welcome all of you to our worship service this Sunday!

Enter in stillness...Know that the Lord is God.

Sing with delight...it is God who hears.

Depart in peace...it is God's gift for you.

Listen in reverence...it is God who has made us.

Speak with conviction...there is no other God.

Serve with joy...it is your gift to God!

** = Please rise in body or spirit.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING HYMN #2212

"HOW CAN I KEEP SINGING" (vv 1&2)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing praise to God, all the peoples!

Praise God who really loves us all!

Don't be afraid and do not doubt God's love.

Open our hearts, O God, and help us to receive that love.

Dance in joy to the spirit of God.

Let our spirits resound with joy at God's light of joy, AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray.. **O God of steadfast love, at the wedding in Cana your Son Jesus turned water into wine, delighting all who were there. Transform our hearts by your Spirit, that we may use our varied gifts to show forth the light of your love as one body in Christ. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN #2243

"WE ARE ALL ONE IN MISSION"

TIME FOR ALL AGES

FIRST READING

1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-11

*GOSPEL READING

JOHN 2:1-11

SERMON – "What concern is that to me?"

Pastor Benjiman Durfee

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our loving God, who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

A PRAYER BY REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

“Dearest Jesus, come and sit with us today. Show us the lies that are still embedded in the soul of America’s consciousness. Unmask the untruths we have made our best friends. For they seek our destruction. And we are being destroyed, Lord. Reveal the ways the lies have distorted and destroyed our relationships. They break your shalom . . . daily. Jesus, give us courage to embrace the truth about ourselves and you and our world. Truth: We are all made in your image. Truth: You are God; we are not. You are God; money is not. You are God; jails, bombs and bullets are not.

“And Jesus, give us faith to believe: Redemption of people, relationships, communities and whole nations is possible! Give us faith enough to renounce the lies and tear down the walls that separate us with our hands, with our feet, and with our votes!”

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Remaining in our pews, let us turn to our neighbors
and offer each other a sign of God’s peace

INVITATION TO OFFERING

We are indeed recipients of God’s grace and generosity.

God loves us and affirms us. But, in receiving, we are also called to give, to share, and to live lives of gratitude. Our offerings of time, talent, and money will gratefully be received. You are invited now to share your gifts to further the church’s work and the Spirit’s mission.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

***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**

Let us pray...Generous God, who turns water into wine and scarcity into abundance, we offer our gifts to you with grateful hearts. May these offerings be transformed, just as you transform our lives with your grace. Guide us to use these resources to meet the needs we see around us, to share your love, and to build your kin-dom. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #519**

"LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING"

***BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL**

Look around you, beloved people. God's joy is poured out for you so that you might be a blessing to others. God will continually walk and work with you, relieving your burdens and giving you strength. Go into God's world, rejoicing! Amen!

BENEDICTION RESPONSE – HYMN #673

"GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN" (v 1)

POSTLUDE

Trinity Church Fragrance-Free Policy - Adopted by Leadership Team on 12/10/24

At Trinity Church, we strive to create an inclusive and comfortable environment for all. We kindly ask for your cooperation in keeping our cherished space fragrance-free. We ask that you please refrain from using strongly scented products when visiting this space. We understand that scents can evoke pleasant memories and add a personal touch to one's presence. However, it's important to remember that many individuals may have sensitivities or allergies to certain fragrances. By embracing a fragrance-free policy together, we can ensure that everyone feels welcome and can fully participate in the multitude of activities and programs we host in this space.