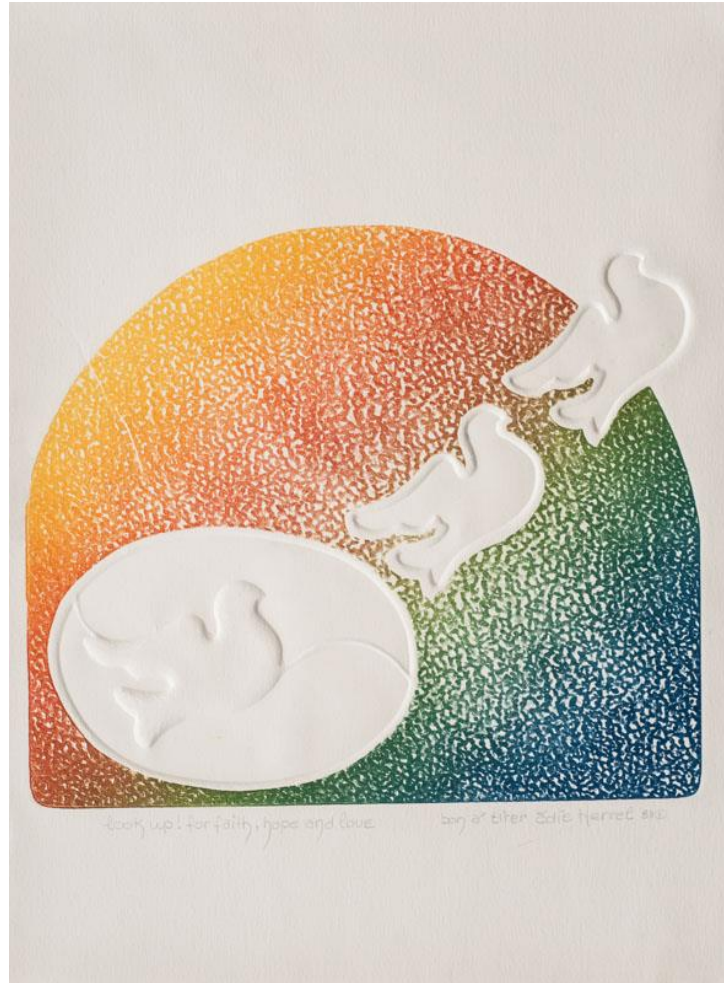


# Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts



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**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.**



**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**October 19, 2025**

## Order of Worship

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.**

PRELUDE – *Herr Christ, der enig Gottes Sohn (Lord Christ, God's only Son)*  
BuxWV 192, Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING HYMN                      ***“COME, LET US USE THE GRACE DIVINE”*** (UMH 606, vv. 1 & 2)

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Enfleshed*)

To tussle with God is an ancient tradition

**Saints and prophets wrestle in the night**

Tossing and turning our questions

**Arguing on behalf of our neighbors**

We raise our voices in holy exasperation

**Our hearts race with the fury of love**

God welcomes the conflict and embraces our audacity

**Here we are, to grapple with faith**

In honest pursuit of God, let us worship.

OPENING PRAYER (*Enfleshed*)

Let us pray... **God of Doubters and Skeptics, God of Fiery Prophets, God of Those Who Dissent and Disagree, today we gather to challenge and be challenged. We come with questions! There is pain we carry. There is anger we feel on our behalf and others. There are so many other ways the world could be! In the confidence of our faith, we bring all our wrestling with what is to you. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN                      ***“BLESSED JESUS, AT THY WORD”*** (UMH 596, vv. 1-3)

TIME FOR ALL AGES

FIRST READING

GENESIS 32:22-31

SERMON – “Persistence”

Pastor Benjiman Durfee

MUSICAL INTERLUDE – *Récit de Cornet*, François Couperin

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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 – *Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ (Praise be to You, Jesus Christ)*, Johann Buttstedt

\*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 (Discipleship Ministries)

Let us pray... **Persistent and just God, you do not turn away when your people cry out. Receive these gifts as acts of our faith—faith that keeps moving, faith that keeps hoping, faith that keeps working for justice, even when the world says it’s too late or too little. Make us a people who do not lose heart. Shape our prayers into action and our generosity into grace, until your kin-dom comes—on earth, as it is in heaven. In the name of Christ, who still stands and knocks. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN     ***"O LORD, MAY CHURCH AND HOME COMBINE"*** (UMH 695, vv. 1, 3 & 4)

**\*BENEDICTION (*MinistryMatters*)**

God's steadfast love never ceases. May we never fail to share this love with others. Go in the grace of Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Spirit, now and always. Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

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

POSTLUDE – *Sonata in D*, K. 287, Domenico Scarlatti

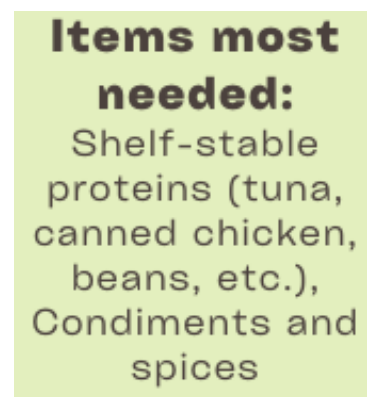
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Community Meal Volunteers**

Trinity Church's Leadership Team is organizing the community meal on Friday, October 24th along with the Shelburne Falls Women's club. The Women's Club will be providing a tossed salad and we will be making Chicken Divan as the main dish. If you'd like to help cook, set up, or clean up, please contact Beth Martin. We will also be helping to put on our annual turkey dinner the Friday before Thanksgiving, November 21st. Please mark your calendars as we will certainly need some extra helpers. A sign-up sheet will be available soon.

**Moonlight Magic Volunteers**

Trinity Church will be tabling at Moonlight Magic again this year on November 28th from 4-8pm. If you'd like to help volunteer at the table to give out candy canes and be a friendly face for Trinity, please let Pastor Ben know. We will create a schedule of volunteers with hour-long shifts. This year, we plan to have a tent to prepare for inclement weather. Thank you!



**Today's Worship Ministers**

Presider & Preacher: Pastor Benjiman Durfee

Musician: Keith Rollinson

Acolyte: Nicole Porter

Reader 1: Al Shippee

Reader 2: Julie Bailey

Usher: Lois Bascom

Videographer: Brook Batteau

Communion Assistant: Lois Bascom