

Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts



**SEASON OF
CREATION**

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 5, 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 – *Prelude in g*, BWV 558, J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING HYMN

“EARTH IS OUR HOMELAND” (STLT 309 vv. 1 & 4)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Season of Creation for Episcopal Parishes)

Blessed be the One who creates all things.

The Holy One’s love is new every morning.

OPENING PRAYER (Season of Creation for Episcopal Parishes)

Let us pray... **O Creator God, you are known by your loving embrace of the undeserving and those who suffer: Grant us sight of your justice and conviction to love all creatures; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN

“CREATOR SPIRIT, COME, WE PRAY” (NC 268, vv. 1, 2 & 4)

TIME FOR ALL AGES

FIRST READING

GENESIS 2:15-3:7

*GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 3:13-4:11

SERMON – “Creation of the Humans: A Love Story”

Pastor Allen M. Comstock

MUSICAL INTERLUDE – *Larghetto*, op. 55, Flor Peeters

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 (BCP 376)

Walk in love, as Christ loved us.

Let us with joy and gratitude present our offerings to God.

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY MUSIC – *In G*, from *l'Organiste*, César Franck

*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... **Sheltering God, our refuge and relief, you draw near when the wilderness is too much, when the heat of the day drains our hope. Receive these gifts as signs of our trust in your abiding love, a love that does not always keep us from trouble but never leaves us to face it alone. May what we give today bring shade to the weary, hope to the hurting, and a glimpse of the salvation you are always working out in us and through us. In gratitude and faith, we offer these gifts. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN

"THE BLESSINGS OF THE EARTH AND SKY" (NC STLT, vv. 1 - 3)

*BENEDICTION (*Season of Creation for Episcopal Parishes*)

Go forth now to care for God's world. Use resources wisely.

Share your knowledge. Sacrifice where necessary. Live in harmony with all creation. Go out into all the world as prophets of a new way of living and preach the good news to all. And the blessing of the Creator God, the Risen Son, and the Promised Holy Spirit bless you that you might be a blessing to others today and always. **Amen.**

Let us bless our God and all Creation. **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

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

POSTLUDE – *Fugue in g*, BWV 558,m J. S. Bach

**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.



Today's Worship Ministers

Presider & Preacher: Pastor Allen M. Comstock

Musician: Keith Rollinson

Acolyte: Nicole Porter

Reader 1: Julie Bailey

Reader 2: Tom Williams

Usher:

Videographer: Walker Miles