

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.



Thanksgiving Sunday

November 23, 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.

-Please welcome guest musician for today, Amy Crawford-

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING HYMN

“O WORSHIP THE KING” (UMH 72, vv. 1 & 2)

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the midst of difficulty, the Lord sets a table of rejoicing for us.

Though the world seems focused on turmoil, yet will we praise God!

Our lives should be witnesses to God’s goodness and power.

Our hearts should encompass compassion and service to God’s people.

Help us to be your workers and witnesses in today’s world, O Lord.

Enable us to be faithful and strong in you. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray... **Lord of bounty and blessing, we come to you this day in gratitude for all that we have been given. We are grateful for the blessings and for the opportunities to be of service to others in your holy Name.**

Bless each of us here, that we may become truly blessings to others. For we ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

“CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS” (UMH 327, vv. 1 - 4)

GROUP STEWARDSHIP MOMENT – “Go Out With Joy”

As we ‘go out with joy,’ what is one hope or prayer you carry for how our church will share God’s love in the coming year?

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 55:9-13

SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray... **Patient Lord, we are rushing headlong into the holiday season, forgetting that the word “holiday” is actually comprised of two words: “holy and day.” Forgive us when we treat the “holiday” as a task and a burden, when we load ourselves down with tasks that do not enhance this day. Help us move past the busyness of the day into the attitude of gratitude we should display for all the many wonders and blessings you have poured on us. Forgive us when we grumble and gripe about the work and do not relish the delight in having family and friends together. Remind us that there are those for whom this day holds little delight and hope. Help us reach out to them with love, listening to their hearts and trying to meet their needs. Cause us to be people of Passion about the love you have given to us and about the joy of serving you by helping others. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Though hosts encamp around you, uttering messages of fear and dread, place your trust and hope in God who lavishly provides for you and who calls you beloved. Rejoice, for God is with you!

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

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

*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... There are no limits to the gifts you have given us, gracious Lord. Now we return thanks to you for these gifts and we bring these token to you, asking for your blessing on givers and gifts. Help these gifts and givers to be your witnesses throughout the world. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

***"THE TREES OF THE FIELD"* (TFWS 2279)**

*BENEDICTION

Go, now, giving thanks for all that God has done and all that God is doing in your life, in this community, and in the world. May we be surprised by grace as gratitude opens us to recognize God's abundant provision all around us.
Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

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

POSTLUDE

Today's Worship Ministers

Guest Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Thad Bennett

Guest Musician: Amy Crawford

Acolyte: Nicole Porter

Reader 1: Dusti Dufresne

Reader 2: Sue Mead

Usher: Betty Miles

Videographer: Clare Chapman