

Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts

It's the formula we've been looking for!

[Giving [Jesus] Generosity]

[] John 14:6

[] John 13:34

John 13:35 []

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.



First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026

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 – *O Mensch, beweine deine Sünde groß*
(*O Man, weep now for your grievous sin*), BWV 622, J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING HYMN

“SURELY THE PRESENCE” (UMH 328)

CALL TO WORSHIP

We celebrate Christ’s call in our lives and our call to live out his love in all that we say and do.

We gather in faith, love, hope, mercy, and grace.

We marvel at God’s unconditional love and amazing grace in our lives as individuals and as a faith community.

With a response of thanksgiving and generosity, we offer our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and stories, rejoicing at the Spirit’s presence amongst us.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray... **Generous God, you have loved us first and filled the world with your abundance. Quiet the anxious comparisons and fears that take root in our hearts, and remind us that every person is precious in your sight. Open our eyes to the gifts in one another, and teach us to live with open hands and grateful spirits. Let your love abide in us so that generosity may flow naturally through our lives. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN

“STANDING ON THE PROMISES” (UMH 374)

SCRIPTURE READING

1 JOHN 4:7-12

SERMON – “[Giving][Jesus]Generosity”

Rev. Dr. David Abbott

MUSICAL INTERLUDE – *Toccatà*, Alessandro Scarlatti

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray... **Abundant God, we confess that we worry about what we do and don't have. We compare ourselves to others in these pews, as well as the world around us. We separate people based on their financial value, instead of welcoming all because of their worth. We find our own assurance in those we perceive to have less, and personal anxiety with those who we think have more. Forgive us as we determine what others can give rather than giving them space to give as you guide them. We pray that you will open our hearts, ears, and eyes to see others as you see them, perfect in your creation with their abundant gifts. For in these ways, we will truly experience your transforming love. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Beloved, God does not measure you by what you have or what you give, but loves you for who you are. In Christ, you are forgiven, freed from comparison and fear, and welcomed into God's abundant grace. Live now as people who are deeply loved.

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 – *In dich hab ich gehoffet, Herr*
(*In Thee, Lord, I have put my trust*), J. C. Bach

*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... **Lord, for all that you've entrusted to us, for all the gifts and
graces you have imparted on us, we offer these gifts as a symbol of all that
we are, and all that we have, for your work here on earth. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN

"THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS" (TFWS 2223)

*BENEDICTION

Go in the love of God, with open hearts and open hands.
See one another as beloved, and give as you have received.
May God's generous love abide in you and flow through you.
Amen!

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

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

POSTLUDE – *Basse de Trompette, 3ieme Ton*, Jacques Boyvin

Today's Worship Ministers

Presider: Pastor Benjiman Durfee

Preacher: Rev. Dr. David Abbott

Musician: Keith Rollinson

Reader 2: Nancy Parland

Acolyte: Nicole Porter

Usher: Ginny Ray

Reader 1: Lois Bascom

Videographer: Kyle Porter