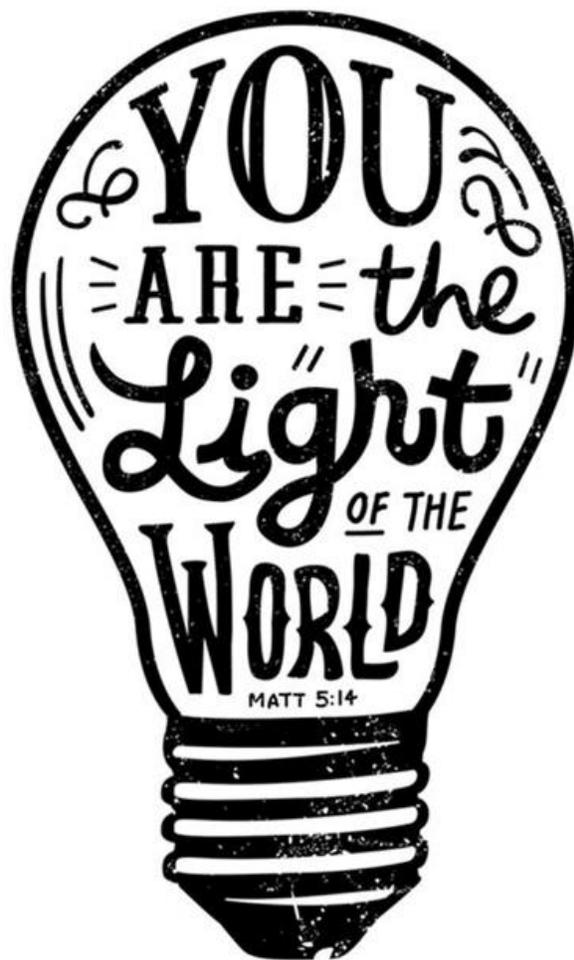


# Trinity Church

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.



Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 8, 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 – *Danket dem Herrn (Give Thanks to the Lord)*, BuxWV 181, D. Buxtehude

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING HYMN **“LEAD ON, O CLOUD OF PRESENCE”** (TFWS 2234, vv. 1 - 3)

CALL TO WORSHIP

If the human body, body of blood and muscle, is to live, it needs salt.

**If the body of Christ, body of peace and justice, is to live, it needs us!**

If the earthly creation, bustling and blooming, is to flourish,  
it needs the sun’s light.

**If the new creation we are in Christ is to flourish, it needs the Spirit’s light!**

Jesus says we are salt of the earth, light of the world.

**We shall be who we are meant to be in Christ: a welcoming oasis,  
a compassionate community, a justice-making people, giving glory to God!**

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray... **God of mystery and of judgment, who has made us to be salt  
and light in a tasteless, shadowed world, guide us in this time of worship.  
Grant us understanding and spiritual discernment so that others may see  
your good works through us, give you the glory, and be moved to serve  
you. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN **“HERE I AM, LORD”** (UMH 593, vv. 1 - 3)

TIME FOR ALL AGES

FIRST READING **ISAIAH 58:1-12**

\*GOSPEL READING **MATTHEW 5:13-20**

SERMON – “Briny and Bright” **Pastor Benjiman Durfee**

MUSICAL INTERLUDE – *Abide with Us, O Lord*, op. 28 no. 1, Marcel Dupré

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray... **Merciful God, You call us to be salt of the earth and light of the world. We confess that our witness is often bland and gloomy. Forgive us when we fail to be an influence for good, and when we condone or do what is wrong in Your sight. Help us to flavor the earth with righteousness and to reflect the light of Your love in a shadowed world; through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Our God is a God of grace and mercy and love; May we be strengthened in all goodness. Since we have been raised with Christ, let us seek the things that are above. **Amen!**

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 – *Ach Gott, von Himmel sieh darein*  
(*O God, Look Down from Heaven*), J. Pachelbel

\*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... **Liberating God, You call us to a fast not of silence, but of service; not of hiding, but of healing. You ask that our worship be more than words, that our offerings be more than ritual. Receive these gifts as signs of our willingness to share bread with the hungry, to break chains of injustice, to repair what is broken. May our generosity reflect your mercy and may our living mirror your love. Use us and these gifts, so that hope might take root where despair has reigned. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN        **"I'LL PRAISE MY MAKER WHILE I'VE BREATH"** (UMH 60, vv. 1, 3 & 4)

\*BENEDICTION

As you have been fed, go to feed the hungry.  
As you have been set free, go to set free the imprisoned.  
As you have been received – give.  
As you have heard – proclaim.  
And the blessing which you have received  
from God be always with you. **Amen.**

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

POSTLUDE – *Herzliebster Jesu (Dearest Jesus)*, op. 122 no. 2, J. Brahms

**Today's Worship Ministers**

Presider & Preacher: Pastor Benjiman Durfee

Musician: Keith Rollinson

Acolyte: Nicole Porter

Reader 1: Al Shippee

Reader 2: Lois Bascom

Usher: Beth Martin

Videographer: Brook Batteau