

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.

TRINITY CHURCH

March 2, 2025

Transfiguration Sunday

10:00 AM

We welcome all of you to our worship service this Sunday!

Enter in stillness...Know that the Lord is God.

Sing with delight...it is God who hears.

Depart in peace...it is God's gift for you.

Listen in reverence...it is God who has made us.

Speak with conviction...there is no other God.

Serve with joy...it is your gift to God!

PRELUDE – *Adagio in C*, W. A. Mozart

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING HYMN #451

“BE THOU MY VISION” (vv 1 & 3)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, you have called us to the mountaintop.

Help us to look forward to where you would have us go.

Help us to listen carefully to the words of your healing love.

Open our hearts and spirits to receive your glorious directions.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray.. **Radiant Lord, you shine with purity, power, and truth. Your mercy reflects your compassion, your care, and your love. Transform us into your image as we seek to follow you. Use us to make your presence known throughout the world. In your strong name we pray. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN #2103

“WE HAVE COME AT CHRIST’S OWN BIDDING”

TIME FOR ALL AGES

FIRST READING

EXODUS 34:29-35

*GOSPEL READING

LUKE 9:28-36

SERMON – “Coming Down the Mountain”

Pastor Benjiman Durfee

MUSICAL INTERLUDE – *Communion in e*, op. 39 nr. 5, Alexandre Guilmant

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray...**Lord, you call us to draw near, yet we fail to hear your voice. We sleepwalk through life, ignoring the needs of people all around us and worrying about our own desires. Forgive us: when we shut out the call to climb into your presence; when we make excuses to put off that journey. Have mercy on us, O Lord, as we silently open our hearts and confess our sins: *(Time of silence)* Hear our pleas, O God, and lift us to newness of life. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

We worship a forgiving God, whose mercy is never ending, whose heart abounds in steadfast love. Because of the love of Jesus Christ, nothing can separate us from the love of God.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Remaining in our pews, let us turn to our neighbors and offer each other a sign of God's peace.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO OFFERING

The needs of our world are too numerous to name: Shelter, food, clean air and water...Our gifts touch these needs, but the biggest gift we can give is to love the world so much that we give of ourselves. Nothing will transform need more than sacrificial love. So as you place your gifts in the offering today, may they symbolize your desire to allow God to transfigure your whole being into a gift of love for the world.

OFFERTORY MUSIC – *Petite Fugue sur le Chromhorne (Small Fugue played on the Chromhorne)*,
François Couperin

*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... **Gracious God, as we remember Christ's transfiguration, we stand in awe of the glimpse of your glory revealed on the mountain. Just as Peter, James, and John witnessed the radiant presence of Christ, we, too, are transformed by your love and grace. As we offer our tithes and offerings, may these gifts reflect the warming light of your love in our lives. Just as Jesus was transfigured before them, may our hearts be transformed, and our actions reflect the love and truth Jesus embodies. Bless our giving and use it to bring your divine light to a world in need. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

using Musical Setting C from UMH 20

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray...**Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kin-dom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN #2216**

"WHEN WE ARE CALLED TO SING YOUR PRAISE" (vv 1 & 3)

***BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL**

Beloved, may God bless you with hearts ready to listen to Christ's voice that calls us from mountaintop to valley that you may be astounded by glory wherever you go. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE — HYMN #673

"GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN" (v 1)

POSTLUDE – *Plein Jeu à deux Chœurs (Full Organ for Two Manuals)*, Jacques Boyvin

Trinity Church Fragrance-Free Policy - Adopted by Leadership Team on 12/10/24

At Trinity Church, we strive to create an inclusive and comfortable environment for all. We kindly ask for your cooperation in keeping our cherished space fragrance-free. We ask that you please refrain from using strongly scented products when visiting this space. We understand that scents can evoke pleasant memories and add a personal touch to one's presence. However, it's important to remember that many individuals may have sensitivities or allergies to certain fragrances. By embracing a fragrance-free policy together, we can ensure that everyone feels welcome and can fully participate in the multitude of activities and programs we host in this space.