

# Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts



Broadbent, Stephen, 1961-. Christ and the Samaritan Woman, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=54778> [retrieved March 3, 2026]. Original source: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/mtg/4934509454/>.

**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.**



**Third Sunday in Lent**

**March 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 – *Allein zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ (To You alone, Lord Jesus Christ)*,  
J. Pachelbel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING HYMN

**“GATHER US IN”** (TFWS 2236, vv. 1, 2 & 4)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Worship God with joy and thanksgiving.

**Make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.**

We are the sheep of God’s pasture.

**We are the lambs of God’s flock.**

Come! Let us worship the Lord.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray... **Living water, flow through our hearts today. Quench our thirst  
in our desert wanderings, and strengthen us for the road ahead. Bathe us in  
your fountain of eternal life, that our spirits may flow with faith and love,  
through the power of your eternal Spirit. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN

**“GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN”** (UMH 731, vv. 1, 2 & 4)

TIME FOR ALL AGES

FIRST READING

EXODUS 17:1-7

GOSPEL READING

JOHN 4:5-42

SERMON – “Waters of Life”

Pastor Benjiman Durfee

MUSICAL INTERLUDE – *Prière (Prayer)*, César Franck

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray... **Wellspring of salvation, quench our thirst this day. When our souls are parched, we long to taste the healing waters of your grace. When our spirits are as dry as desert sands, we yearn to find renewal in the well of your mercy and your love. Shower us in your living water that we may be washed clean in the river of your forgiveness and your grace. Amen.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Those whose souls drink of Christ's living water will never thirst again. Those who refresh themselves in Christ will have a spring of water welling up to eternal life.

## 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 – *Christus, der ist mein Leben (Christ is my Life)*, J. Walther

**\*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... Eternal Spirit, Source of healing and wholeness, receive our grateful hearts for your many blessings. Transform the gifts we bring this day into Christ's promise of living water for the world. Bathe those who are touched by today's offering in your goodness and grace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

**"LET MY PEOPLE SEEK THEIR FREEDOM" (UMH 586, 1, 3 & 4)**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**Go now in the blessing of God's mercy that companions us all on the journey, opening our hearts to receive and share God's steadfast love until all creation resonates with the joy of new life.**

**Amen!**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

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

**POSTLUDE – *Trio à Deux (Trio for Two Manuals)*, François Couperin**

**Today's Worship Ministers**

**Presider & Preacher: Pastor Benjiman Durfee**

**Musician: Keith Rollinson**

**Acolyte: Nicole Porter**

**Reader 1: Nancy Parland**

**Reader 2: Sue Mead**

**Usher: Lois Bascom**

**Videographer: Walker Miles**