

# Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts



**Second Sunday of Easter**

**April 12, 2026**

**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.**



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 – *Prière du Matin (Morning Prayer)*, Joseph Jongen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING HYMN

***“THE DAY OF RESURRECTION”*** (UMH 303, All x 3)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Easter people, Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Christ is risen indeed! Yet we, like Thomas, may find questions bubbling up:  
How do we know? What’s the proof? Is Resurrection real?

**Within our questioning, Christ appears.**

We may find ourselves like the other disciples, witnesses of Christ’s  
resurrection who struggle to understand the doubt of others.

**Within our certainty, Christ appears.**

Whether you come to worship full of certainty or doubt, you are welcome  
here, for we are all participants in the story of God’s salvific work in the  
world, a story still unfolding all around us.

**We gather to worship, believing that in certainty and doubt,  
the resurrected Christ dwells among us! Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray... **God of the risen Jesus, we praise you for the great love that you  
have shown to redeem us by sending your Son, Jesus. Help us today to  
embrace the New Life that the resurrected Christ is giving us. A Life beyond  
our doubts, faith over fear, courage over confusion, belief over disbelief, and  
trust to follow your guidance. As we worship today, help us to feel the  
presence of resurrected Jesus in our midst, reminding us of your love and our  
purpose. Amen.**



\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Let us pray... **Compassionate and faithful God, you meet us behind locked doors and in the doubts we dare not speak aloud. Like Thomas, we long to see, to touch, to know—and yet, by your grace, you call us blessed for believing without seeing. Accept now these gifts we bring, signs of our faith, acts of our trust. Use them to reach others still searching for hope, healing, and connection. Let our giving testify to your Resurrection power and shape us into a community where wounds are not hidden but held with love. In Christ, who breathes peace upon us, we pray. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN

**"HAIL THE DAY THAT SEES HIM RISE"** (UMH 312, vv. 1-3)

\*BENEDICTION

May God bless you with open hearts to recognize the resurrected Christ in our midst and with the courage to reach out and touch the wounds of our neighbors, believing that we will find Resurrection in the meeting of our vulnerability. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

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

POSTLUDE – *Voluntary I in D*, William Boyce

**Today's Worship Ministers**

Presider & Preacher: Pastor Benjiman Durfee

Musician: Keith Rollinson

Acolyte: Nicole Porter

Reader 1: Dusti Dufresne

Reader 2: Sue Mead

Usher: Beth Martin

Videographer: Walker Miles