

Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts



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Second Sunday of Easter April 27, 2025

**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.**



Order of Worship

*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.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING HYMN

“HYMN OF PROMISE” (UMH 707)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Rev. Sheri Smith)

O Creator God, the earth is full of your creatures.

I will sing to the Lord.

The sea is great and wide.

I will sing to the Lord.

The creeping things are innumerable.

I will sing to the Lord.

Living things both small and great abound.

I will sing to the Lord!

*OPENING PRAYER (from Ojibwe Evening Prayer)

Let us pray... **Great Spirit God, we give you thanks for another day on this earth. We give you thanks for this day to enjoy the compassionate goodness of you, our Creator. We acknowledge with one mind our respect and gratefulness to the sacred cycle of life. Bind us together in the circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and one another. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN

“LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING” (TFWS 2008)

TIME FOR ALL AGES – Lois Bascom

FIRST READING

REVELATION 1:4-8

*GOSPEL READING

JOHN 20:19-31

SERMON – The Rev. Steven Wilco, Interim Canon to the Ordinary for the Episcopal
Diocese of Western Massachusetts

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

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 (BCP 376)

Walk in love, as Christ loved us.

Let us with joy and gratitude present our offerings to God.

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY MUSIC

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 (Rev. Chad Hornsby)

Let us pray... God, from you comes every bounty. Every sacrifice of life that sustains ours is the sacrifice of your beloved. As we return a small part of the bounty you have blessed us with, we pray that it will be used to forge stronger connections among all creation until the whole world is redeemed by your love.

*CLOSING HYMN

***"THE TREES OF THE FIELD"* (TFWS 2279)**

*BENEDICTION (Discipleship Ministries)

May we go from this place to embody God's love of all creation.
May we rise like those with wings.
May we know the lightness of those that swim.
May we have the courage of the four-leggeds.
And may the Holy be embodied in all our comings and goings,
this day and every day.
Go in peace to love and serve our God. **Amen.**

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

POSTLUDE

Today's Worship Ministers

Presider & Preacher: Rev. Steven Wilco

Organist: Amy Roberts-Crawford

Acolyte: Nicole Porter

Reader 1: Al Shippee

Reader 2: Sue Mead

Usher: Lois Bascom

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