

# Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts



**Ascension Sunday**

**May 17, 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 – *Sonata in D*, K. 177, Domenico Scarlatti

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING HYMN            ***“AT THE FONT WE START OUR JOURNEY”*** (TFWS 2114, vv. 1, 2 & 4)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Shout to God with songs of great joy!

**Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!**

God has made us whole.

**God has called us to a ministry of hope and love.**

Come, let us celebrate the love of God!

**Let us praise God’s name and serve God joyfully. Amen!**

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray... **Lord of amazing visions, prepare our hearts and our spirits this day to receive your glad tidings of an Advocate. Help make us ready to be your disciples in all that we do, say, and think. For we ask this in the name of our beloved Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN            ***“BLESSED JESUS, AT THY WORD”*** (UMH 596, ALL VERSES)

TIME FOR ALL AGES

READING

ACTS 1:1-11

SERMON – Grace Pugh Hubbard,

Climate Coordinator for the UMC New England Annual Conference.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE – *Larghetto*, op. 55, Flor Peeters

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

## BUILDING JOY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PRAYER

**Divine Source of all blessings, we open our hearts to receive the flow of abundance you have prepared for Trinity Church. May our thoughts be filled with gratitude, our actions guided by wisdom, and our spirit anchored in faith. Bless the works of our hands, multiply the seeds that we sow, and let opportunities find us with ease and grace. Remove all fear and doubt and replace them with trust in your perfect timing. We give thanks, knowing this is already done. Amen.**

## 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. O care of each other, and bringing all our questions and concerns as honest offerings to God.

## OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY MUSIC – *Herzlich tut mich verlangen (My heart is filled with longing)*  
J. G. 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... **Blessing God of Presence, even as Christ ascended, you did not leave us alone. While he was blessing them, you were preparing us to carry the story forward, to be your witnesses, to live in hope and power. In this sacred act of giving, we return a portion of what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be a blessing to others, as Christ has been to us. Clothe us with courage. Remind us that your Spirit goes with us. And send us, renewed and ready, to be your church in the world. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN                    **"ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME"** (UMH 154, vv. 1, 3, 4 & 6)


\*BENEDICTION

May God bless you with the understanding, wisdom, and grace to follow the way of Christ, that in all things, your life may be a blessing of praise to God.

**Amen.**

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

POSTLUDE – *Fugue in F*, BWV 556, J. S. Bach



*Please join us for a kickoff brunch at the Shelburne Falls Pub and Brew on Sunday, May 31 beginning at 11:30 am (after service).*

*This will be a chance to celebrate our campaign's progress and to continue building joy together.*

*There is no fee to attend and all members and friends of Trinity are strongly encouraged to join us!*

**Today's Worship Ministers**

Presider: Pastor Benjiman Durfee

Preacher: Grace Pugh Hubbard

Musician: Keith Rollinson

Reader 2: Sue Mead

Acolyte: Nicole Porter

Usher: Ginny Ray

Reader 1: Clare Chapman

Videographer: Walker Miles