

Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts



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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 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

“COME DOWN, O LOVE DIVINE” (UMH 475)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus reminded the disciples

Love one another as I have loved you.

Jesus taught and witnessed to God’s love

Love one another as I have loved you.

Jesus encourages us to love each other with tenderness, compassion, and hope.

Let us love one another as Christ loved us. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray... **Gracious and Loving God, we are grateful that you have called us together this day, drawing us from the shadows of our shame to the light of your love. May our spirits rejoice at the good news you have for us today and open our hearts to your healing love. In your holy name we pray. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN

“JOY COMES WITH THE DAWN” (TFWS 2210)

TIME FOR ALL AGES

FIRST READING

REVELATION 21:1-6

*GOSPEL READING

JOHN 13:31-35

SERMON – “Love Will Make Us New”

Pastor Benjiman Durfee

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

Let us pray... **Web of Life, undo within us the lie that we are alone. Weave us together. Amidst our differences, unite us towards liberation. Bless our offerings to the world we dream of. Co-create with us healing, tenderness, and care. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN

"JOY IN THE MORNING" (TFWS 2284)

*BENEDICTION

Here is the commandment...love one another!
Here is the commandment...love the planet that sustains us.
Let this love flow through the ordinary and the miraculous as we help bring into being the kin-dom of God, renewing the world. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

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

POSTLUDE

Today's Worship Ministers

Presider & Preacher: Pastor Benjiman Durfee

Organist: Amy Roberts-Crawford

Acolyte: Nicole Porter

Reader 1: Sue Mead

Reader 2: Tom Williams

Usher: Nancy Parland

Videographer: Walker Miles