

Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts



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Sixth Sunday of Easter May 25, 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

“BLESSED JESUS, AT THY WORD” (UMH 596, vv. 1&3)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 67)

The earth has yielded its increase;

God, our God, has blessed us!

May God continue to bless us;

And may we continue to offer our praise!

God’s face shines upon us;

Let us be glad and sing for joy!

OPENING PRAYER (Revised Common Lectionary)

Let us pray... **O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN

“HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE THY NAME” (UMH 79, vv. 1&2)

TIME FOR ALL AGES

Blessing of the soil

FIRST READING

ACTS 16:9-15

*GOSPEL READING

JOHN 14:23-29

SERMON – “Open Hearts”

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... **God of all gifts, of all bounty, of every tree and plant and every fruit and vegetable, everything we have comes from you. We give you thanks for this abundance. We pray that what we give might be used as a balm to heal the nations, to restore your love-grounded peace among all creation.**

*CLOSING HYMN

"FOR THE HEALING OF THE NATIONS" (UMH 428, vv. 1-3)

*BENEDICTION

Peace I leave with you says the Living Christ - my peace I give you. We go forth rooting ourselves in peace that the world cannot take away, that we may be courageous enough to devote ourselves to the work of Love.

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: Keth Rollinson

Reader 2: Sue Mead

Acolyte: Nicole Porter

Usher: Sherry Clark

Reader 1: Eileen McCusker Rauch

Videographer: Brook Batteau