

# Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts



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.



**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**May 3, 2026**



## JOYS AND CONCERNS

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## BUILDING JOY 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 to our world. Let us practice this world together, sharing what we have, taking care of each other, and bringing all our questions and concerns as honest offerings to God.

## OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY MUSIC – *Vater Unser in Himmelreich (Our Father, in Heaven)*  
Georg Telemann

## \*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... **Generous God, we bring these gifts to you today as an act of service and an investment in the joy we are building together. We recognize that these resources are tools; ways for us to bridge the distance between us and those who haven't yet heard your message of hope. May these funds be used to tear down walls and create new paths for the Gospel to travel. Use these gifts, and use our lives, to serve your world with a spirit of resilience and harmony. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION – using Musical Setting A from UMH 17

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray... **Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your spirit to give ourselves for others. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN        **"SING PRAISE TO GOD WHO REIGNS ABOVE"** (UMH 126, vv. 1, 2 & 4)

\*BENEDICTION

As you leave this place, remember that you are a builder. You are building a community of resilience, a spirit of harmony, and a life of service. Go out with the joy of Paul, knowing that your work and your witness reach far beyond what you can see. May the God who began this good work in you continue to build it up until it is complete. Be bold in your service, be constant in your prayer, and be overflowing in your joy. **Amen!**

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

POSTLUDE – *Récit de Basse de Trompette*, Nicolas de Grigny

**Today's Worship Ministers**

Presider & Preacher: Pastor Benjiman Durfee

Musician: Keith Rollinson

Reader 2: Nancy Stevens

Acolyte: Nicole Porter

Usher: Lois Bascom

Reader 1: Wes Rice

Videographer: Kyle Porter

Communion Steward: Sue Mead