

Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts



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Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 22, 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 – *Gott sei gelobet und gebenedeiet (God be praised and blessed)*, Heinrich Scheidemann

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING HYMN

“GIVE TO THE WINDS THY FEARS” (UMH 129)

CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Psalms 42 & 43)

As a deer longs for flowing streams,

so our souls long for you, O God.

When our souls feel barren,

and our tears are our only food,

when we feel cast down,

when we mourn and feel forgotten,

let us find hope in our God

who can turn our weeping into singing!

Come, let us praise God with exceeding joy!

Let us praise the one who brings new life to our barren souls!

OPENING PRAYER (written by Ryan Cagle)

Let us pray... **Holy Composter, who wastes nothing, take the discarded scraps, manure, and death of the world and transfigure it into new life; turn over our hearts again and again until they become rich fertilizer for a different world. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN

“THE LONE, WILD BIRD” (TFWS 2052, vv. 1,2,5)

TIME FOR ALL AGES – Blessing of the Compost

FIRST READING

GALATIANS 3:23-29

*GOSPEL READING

LUKE 8:26-39

SERMON – “Composted in Christ”

Pastor Benjiman Durfee

MUSICAL INTERLUDE – *The Lord my Shepherd is*, Austin C. Lovelace. Sung by Nancy Parland

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).

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Discipleship Ministries)

Let us pray... **Loving and holy God, we confess that we hold tightly to our pride and resist your transforming grace. You offer us freedom and a welcome place in your family, yet we struggle, trying to earn what you have already given. We cling to our old ways of doing and thinking. You call us your beloved children. Help us hear and claim our new identity. Free us from the bonds of limited imagination and empower us to thrive in your life of faith and grace. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Discipleship Ministries)

Children of God: Faith has come, and we are free. Receive forgiveness today.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you
And also with you.

Remaining in our pews, let us turn to our neighbors and offer each other a sign of God’s peace.

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 – *Lento*, op. 55 no. 15, Flor Peeters

*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 (Discipleship Ministries)

Let us pray... **Gracious and transforming God, you clothe us in grace and love. Receive these gifts as signs of our desire to live into Christ's vision of your beloved community. Baptized into your peace and justice, may we shed old divisions and embrace the unity you intend for all people. Use these offerings to build bridges, mend hearts, and proclaim that in Christ, all are one—equal, cherished, and free. May our giving reflect the boundless love you pour into us. We pray this in the name of the one who makes us whole. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN

"IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST" (UMH 548)

*BENEDICTION

Children of God, remember that nothing is wasted.
Just as discarded scraps compost into rich fertilizer,
So, too, will Christ bring new life to our broken hearts.
Go in peace and joy knowing you are God's beloved! **Amen!**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

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

POSTLUDE – *Plein Jeu Continu, 7e Ton*, Jacques Boyvin

Today's Worship Ministers

Presider & Preacher: Pastor Benjiman Durfee

Organist: Keith Rollinson

Acolyte: Nicole Porter

Reader 1: Julie Bailey

Reader 2: Ginny Ray

Usher: Lois Bascom

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