

Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts



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Celebration Sunday

June 28, 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 – *Engelsche Fortuyn (Fortune my Foe)*, J. P. Sweelinck

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING HYMN

“AMAZING GRACE” (UMH 378, vv. 1, 2 & 6)

CALL TO WORSHIP

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord,
and proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.
Your steadfast love endures forever.
Your faithfulness is as high as the heavens.
Happy are those who sing your praise
and extol your righteousness all the day.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray... **Steadfast God, you greet us as a loving parent and patiently love us beyond all measure. Great is your faithfulness. May we offer that same kindness to all whom we encounter, knowing it is Christ whom we greet as we welcome others. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN

“YE SERVANTS OF GOD” (UMH 181, vv. 1, 2 & 4)

STARKEY SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

GUIDING WORDS: Frederick Buechner, *Beyond Words*

“If we are to love our neighbors, before doing anything else we must see our neighbors. With our imagination as well as our eyes, that is to say like artists, we must see not just their faces but the life behind and within their faces. Here it is love that is the frame we see them in.”

*THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 10:40-42

SERMON – “Welcome”

Pastor Benjiman Durfee

MUSICAL INTERLUDE – *Petite Fugue sur la Chromhorne*, François Couperin

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray... **God, you taught us to love you and our neighbor, but we have not lived in right relationship or walked in the light of your love. Forgive us for the wrongs we have done. We trust in your gift of forgiveness, which is freedom and life in Christ. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Siblings, you are forgiven! Be at peace, for you have been freed from sin that you may serve with righteousness, to the glory and praise of God!
Thanks be to God!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CELEBRATING OUR FATHERS

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

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 – *Adagio in G*, Alexandre Guilmant

***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... Faithful God, we give you thanks that you have entrusted us with the gift of hospitality and generosity, and that you have set us free to be generous givers of the gifts you so freely give to us. May our offerings this day and our pledges to our Building Joy Capital Campaign draw us closer to you as we share them with others for Love's sake. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

"GOD MADE FROM ONE BLOOD" (TFWS 2170, vv. 1, 4 & 5)

***BENEDICTION**

May God go with you as you continue to build joy in this world: blessing you with divine provision, making paths where there were none before, and leading you into flourishing in the most impossible of places. Amen!

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

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

POSTLUDE – *Trio, 7e Couplet*, François Couperin

Land Acknowledgment

Trinity Church recognizes that we worship on the traditional, unceded territory of the Pocumtuck Peoples, marked by a painful history of warfare, genocide, and a deliberate process of erasure and dispossession. We honor the living presence of the Nipmuc, Abenaki, and Mohican communities and in the Spirit of Christ, we commit to the on-going work of truth-telling and restoration. Our full land acknowledgment and local initiatives can be found on our website: trinityshelburnefalls.org

Today's Worship Ministers

Presider: Pastor Benjiman Durfee

Musician: Keith Rollinson

Acolyte: Nicole Porter

Reader 1: Nancy Parland

Reader 2: Tom Williams

Usher: Ginny Ray

Videographer: Brook Batteau