

Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts



**Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 29, 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 ***“COME, HOLY GHOST, OUR SOULS INSPIRE”*** (UMH 651, vv. 1 & 2)

CALL TO WORSHIP

The whole law is summed up in a single commandment:

“Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Live by the Spirit;

For we are led by the Spirit into the world.

We belong to God;

We do not belong to this world.

Let us love and serve one another, as led by the Holy Spirit;

Let us worship God, with the love of Christ.

OPENING PRAYER (Discipleship Ministries)

Let us pray... **God of all life and love: we are your children, and you made us free to live in joyful relationship with you and one another. Your grace empowers us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Give us the courage to love ourselves as much as you love us and to love others with the same compassion. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN ***“I SING THE ALMIGHTY POWER OF GOD”*** (UMH 152)

TIME FOR ALL AGES

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Discipleship Ministries)

Let us pray... **Loving God, you give us freedom. Fear tries to bind us. Idolatry comes chasing after us. Divisive arguments try to trap us in corners and keep us locked away from one another.**

These are not the freedoms you have in mind for your children, loving God. We confess, we have submitted to them in the past, but no more. Inspire us to live in the freedom you have given us for love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. You set us free. Give us the courage to enjoy it. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Discipleship Ministries)

Beloved children of God: hear and believe the good news, for freedom Christ has set us free to live anew. **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.

READING

GALATIANS 5:1, 13-25

SERMON – “Fruit of the Spirit”

Pastor Benjiman Durfee

MUSICAL INTERLUDE – *Elevation in F*, op. 39 no. 1, Alexandre Guilmant

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 – *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... **Liberating God, who calls us to true freedom, we offer these gifts as signs of our commitment to live by the Spirit's leading. May our generosity reflect your love that is joyful, peaceful, patient, and kind. Through your grace, may we sow seeds of compassion and justice, nurturing the fruit of the Spirit in our lives and the world. Guide us to use our freedom not for ourselves but for service, so that we may build communities of faith and hope. With thankful hearts, we dedicate ourselves to your transforming work. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN

"HERE I AM, LORD" (UMH 593, vv. 1 & 3)

*BENEDICTION (Henri Frederic Amiel)

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So... be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us be with you now and forever. **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: Wes Rice

Reader 2: Tome Williams

Usher: Ginny Ray

Videographer: