

# Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts



**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 27, 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 – *Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele (Adorn yourself, o dear Soul)*, op. 122 nr.5, Johannes Brahms

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING HYMN

***“BE STILL, MY SOUL”*** (UMH 534, vv. 1 & 2)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Ministry Matters)

Before we even knock,

**Christ opens the doors and invites us in.**

Before we even ask,

**God knows our every need.**

Come to seek; come to pray; come to worship,

**for the Spirit has called us here.**

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray... **Holy One, we come to your house this day, knocking and asking that the door may be opened. We come seeking your face and yearning for your presence in our lives. Open the door of our hearts, as you have opened the doors of your church. Lift our faces, that we may see your face shining upon us. Answer our yearning, that our restive hearts may find their rest in you. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN

***“PRAISE THE SOURCE OF FAITH AND LEARNING”*** (TFWS 2004, vv. 1-3)

TIME FOR ALL AGES

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Ministry Matters)

Let us pray... **Grow in our lives, God of Joy. Make our hearts larger with each gift of your grace. Make our spirits stronger with each moment of your mercy. As you fill our lives with your presence, fill our hearts with your love, that we might grow into your likeness. As we grow in your love, may we give our love and grace as freely as you have generously given your love to us. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Discipleship Ministries)

In the grace of Christ, we are connected to God's love and joy, both now and forevermore. **Amen.**

## PEACE

Peace 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.*

## FIRST READING

From *Finding Jesus* by Henri J. M. Nouwen

## \*GOSPEL READING

LUKE 11:1-13

## SERMON – “Seeking Joy”

By Pastor Benjiman Durfee

MUSICAL INTERLUDE – *For the Beauty of the Earth*, John Rutter. Sung by Julie Bailey and 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).

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

We have been gifted and loved generously by God.

In turn, may we share our gifts and love through God's work in the world.

## OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY MUSIC – *Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein (When we are in Greatest Need)*, J. C. Bach

## \*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 (Enfleshed)**

**Let us pray... Tune us to the frequency of your economy, oh Expansive Love. Awaken our collective wisdom towards creative ways to care for each other and our flora and fauna kin. Steady our attention on what is truly lifegiving—relationship, rest, and devotion to righteous causes. Bless our offerings towards the thousands of ways there are to foster Holy Hope and Joy. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

***"THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION"*** (UMH 545, vv. 1, 4 & 5)

**\*BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

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

**POSTLUDE – *Messe pour les Couvents (Mass for the Convents)*, François Couperin**

**Today's Worship Ministers**

**Presider & Preacher: Pastor Benjiman Durfee**

**Organist: Keth Rollinson**

**Acolyte: Nicole Porter**

**Reader 1: Julie Bailey**

**Reader 2: Lois Bascom**

**Usher: Nancy Parland**

**Videographer: Clare Chapman**