

Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts



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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 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 – *Jesus Christus, unser Heiland (Jesus Christ, our Saviour)*, BuxWV 198, D. Buxtehude

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING HYMN ***“FAITH, WHILE TREES ARE STILL IN BLOSSOM”*** (UMH 508, vv. 1, 2, 5)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Ministry Matters)

The Lord calls us today to be people of justice and mercy.

Our worship is hollow if it focuses only on our own gratification.

The Lord asks that our words of hope become actions of peace.

Thanks be to God who challenges and calls us.

Let our ministry together bring peace and justice.

Let our lives reflect God's love and mercy. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER (Discipleship Ministries)

Let us pray... **Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. We come convinced of many things but trusting very few. Holy God of limitless surprises, meet us here in this place as we touch that which we cannot see, that which we have not dared to hope. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN ***“CREATOR OF THE EARTH AND SKIES”*** (UMH 450, vv. 1, 3, 4)

TIME FOR ALL AGES

FIRST READING Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

SECOND READING HEBREWS 11:1-3, 8-16

*GOSPEL READING LUKE 12:32-40

SERMON – “Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is” By Pastor Benjiman Durfee

MUSICAL INTERLUDE – sung by Dusti & Karyn Dufresne

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 – *Duo, 8e Ton*, Jacques Boyvin

*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... **Blessed Redeemer, it is your grace that transforms our understanding. Whether we struggle with greed or entitlement, shame or ignorance, internalized oppression or a spirit of domination, you come to set us free. To rebalance us and the world. To authentically and justly heal the wounds of generations. We thank you for equipping us. May our offerings be a harvest of love, blessed to the flourishing of all people. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN

"IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE" (UMH 103, vv. 1 & 2)

*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



NEIGHBORHOOD POTLUCK PICNIC at TRINITY CHURCH

15 Severance Street

**August 24, 2025
11:30 am**

**We will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, veggie
burgers, beverages**

**Please bring a side dish or dessert or just
bring yourself**

413-625-2141 Questions?

Today's Worship Ministers

Presider & Preacher: Pastor Benjiman Durfee

Organist: Keth Rollinson

Acolyte: Nicole Porter

Reader 1: Lois Bascom

Reader 2: Nancy Parland

Usher: Ginny Ray

Videographer: Ginny Ray