

# Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts



**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 17, 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 – *I am Black but Comely, O Ye Daughters of Jerusalem*, Marcel Dupré

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING HYMN ***"GOD OF LOVE AND GOD OF POWER"*** (UMH 578 vv. 1, 2, 4)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Ministry Matters)

Sing to the Lord a new song!

**We sing a song of peace and hope!**

Sing to the Lord a song of strength.

**Our strength is in the Lord of hosts!**

Sing to the Lord a song of joy!

**Our song is a song of service and faithfulness. Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER (Discipleship Ministries)

Let us pray... **Lord of light and life, you have called us this day to open our hearts, our minds, our spirits to hear your words of encouragement, healing, and hope. Give us patience and willingness to serve you in all that we do. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN ***"GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY"*** (UMH 577, vv. 1 & 4)

TIME FOR ALL AGES

FIRST READING

HEBREWS 11:29-12:2

SERMON – “Run with Perseverance”

By Pastor Benjiman Durfee

MUSICAL INTERLUDE – *Dessus de Tierce en Vitesses et Accords*, Jacques Boyvin

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 – *Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele* (Adorn Yourself, dear Soul), Johann Walther

## \*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... **Enduring and Gracious God, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, those who have gone before us and those who walk beside us in faith. As we bring our gifts before you, we offer them in gratitude, knowing that our generosity is part of your ongoing work in the world. Strengthen us to run with perseverance the race set before us, so that through our giving and through our living, we may reflect the joy of Christ and the love that unites all your saints. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

## \*CLOSING HYMN

**"GUIDE MY FEET"** (TFWS 2208)

## \*BENEDICTION

## BENEDICTION RESPONSE

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

POSTLUDE – *Prelude in F*, BWV 556, J. S. Bach





# **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: Nancy Parland

Reader 2: Julie Bailey

Usher: Lois Bascom

Videographer: Walker Miles