

# Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts



**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 24, 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 – *Prelude*, Jacques Lemmens

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING HYMN

**" LOVING SPIRIT"** (TFWS 2123, vv. 1 - 4)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Ministry Matters)

In the midst of trouble and turmoil, God is our refuge.

**God is our mighty fortress and shield.**

In God's strength we shall be healed.

**In God's love we shall witness the Good News.**

Come, let us worship God, grateful for God's wondrous power.

**Open our hearts, God,**

**that we might truly become bearers of peace and justice.**

OPENING PRAYER (Ministry Matters)

Let us pray... **Loving God, whose power and mercy have extended to all ends of creation, pour your love on us this day that we might be healed and be made ready to serve you by serving others in this world that you have created. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN

**"PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY"** (UMH 139. vv. 1 & 5)

TIME FOR ALL AGES

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 58:9B-14

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 13:10-17

SERMON – "Repairing the Breach"

By Pastor Benjiman Durfee

MUSICAL INTERLUDE – *In E-flat*, from *L'Organiste*, César Franck

## 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 – *Elevation*, Jean-Adam Guilain

#### \*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... **Unshakable and Holy God, we bring these gifts before you, not as mere offerings, but as acts of faith in your unshakable kin-dom. Though the world around us trembles, we trust in your steadfast love, knowing that we are welcomed, transformed, and sent forth to serve. Bless these gifts, that they may be used to build your justice and mercy, bringing hope to the broken and light to the weary. With grateful hearts, we offer ourselves alongside these gifts, that we may be signs of your grace in the world. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

#### \*CLOSING HYMN

**"*HERE I AM, LORD*" (UMH 593)**

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### BENEDICTION RESPONSE

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

POSTLUDE – *In Dulci Jubilo (In Sweet Joy)*, Friedrich Zachau

**Today's Worship Ministers**

Presider & Preacher: Pastor Benjiman Durfee

Organist: Keth Rollinson

Reader 2: Lois Bascom

Acolyte: Nicole Porter

Usher: Sue Mead

Reader 1: Eileen McCusker Rauch

Videographer: Brook Batteau