

# Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts



**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 31, 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 – *Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ (I call to you, Lord Jesus Christ)*,  
BWV 639, J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING HYMN

**"OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN"** (UMH 184, vv. 1 & 3)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Ministry Matters)

Jesus said, "Love one another, even as I have loved you."

**Love is more powerful than fear; it is mightier than hatred.**

Let the love which God has lavished upon us be poured out to those in need.

**Help us, O Lord, to witness to you by the ways in which we care for others.**

Remind us, Lord, that we are called to be your disciples.

**As we worship this morning, heal our hearts and spirits and prepare us for service.**

OPENING PRAYER (Ministry Matters)

Let us pray... **Through the ages, O God, you have called to us to follow. You led us to freedom, to hope and peace. Enter our hearts again today and lead us to your healing love that we might serve you joyfully in this world that you have loaned to us. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN

**"THE GOD OF ABRAHAM PRAISE"** (UMH 116, vv. 1 & 4)

TIME FOR ALL AGES

FIRST READING

HEBREWS 13:1-8, 15-16

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 14:7-14

SERMON – "Entertaining Angels"

By Pastor Benjiman Durfee

MUSICAL INTERLUDE – *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland*  
(*The Savior of the Gentiles is Coming*), Andreas Vetter

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 – *Chromhorne sur la Taille*, François Couperin

\*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... **Faithful and Unchanging God, in a world that shifts and sways, you remain our firm foundation. You have called us into a life of mutual love, teaching us to serve, to welcome, and to give with generous hearts. Bless these gifts we offer today, that they may extend your love to those who hunger, who seek justice, and who long for hope. Shape us into a people whose generosity reflects your own, that through our giving, we may proclaim your unshakable kingdom. In the name of Jesus Christ, our constant and faithful guide. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN

**" LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS" (TFWS 2197)**

\*BENEDICTION

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

# Trinity Church's Monthly

## An illustration of two cans. The can on the left is orange with a red tomato in the center. The can on the right is green with a yellow sun in the center. Both cans have grey lids and are tilted slightly.

**Help us fill  
the grocery  
cart each  
month for our  
neighbors!**



Shelf-stable proteins (tuna, canned chicken, beans, etc.),  
Condiments and spices

Presider & Preacher: Pastor Benjiman Durfee

Reader 2:

Usher: Andrew Porter

Videographer: Clare Chapman