

Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts



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.

TRINITY CHURCH

October 13, 2024

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM

We welcome all of you to our worship service this Sunday!

Enter in stillness...Know that the Lord is God.

Sing with delight...it is God who hears.

Depart in peace...it is God's gift for you.

Listen in reverence...it is God who has made us.

Speak with conviction...there is no other God.

Serve with joy...it is your gift to God!

Please be mindful of those sensitive to fragrances.

PRELUDE – *Voluntary VIII in C*, William Boyce

WOMEN'S HEALING CHANT – Traditional

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING HYMN #103

"IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE" (vv 1 & 3)

CALL TO WORSHIP

by Jeff Ramsland, Mohawk

Creator made all that is, and proclaimed that "it is good."

Creator, help us to discover in all You have made in Nature, the good wisdom about the interconnectedness of all things, about balance and about living in harmony.

We are not above nature, we are part of Creation; we live by the same laws as all of nature, and need to learn from what God has made.

Creator, help us discover the power that lies in the wisdom and understanding of our role in the Great Mystery, and in honoring every living thing as a teacher.

Creator God, may our spirits be in harmony with Yours as we gather in Your worship!

OPENING PRAYER

from *Prayers for an Inclusive Church*

Let us pray.. **God of the narrow way, you call us to shed all that burdens the lightness of life: help us to surrender false wealth, embrace our need of you, and live for your kingdom above all things; through Jesus Christ, the richness of God. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN #708

"REJOICE IN GOD'S SAINTS" (vv 1 & 4)

TIME FOR ALL AGES – Indigenous River Song - *WishiTa*

FIRST READING

HEBREWS 4:12-16

*GOSPEL READING

MARK 10:17-31

SERMON – “Buy Nothing Jesus” *Pastor Benjiman Durfee*

MUSICAL INTERLUDE – *Andante Cantabile*, op. 49, nr. 5, Alexandre Guilmant

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

Our loving God, who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION – From *Native American Great Thanksgiving*, by the Native American Writers’ Group of the Open Source Liturgy Project.

We send to you, Creator God, our dreams, visions, and prayers. For the hearts of the people, Created with your sacred fire burning within us, we confess that we struggle to live out our great potential.

When we do harm to your Creation, your creatures, and fellow human beings,
Forgive us.

When we fail to do all the good we can, in all the places we can,
Forgive us.

When we turn away from your love and grace,
Forgive us.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news of Jesus Christ,
You are forgiven. I am forgiven. We are forgiven.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

*Remaining in our pews,
let us turn and offer a sign of Christ’s peace with our neighbor.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

We can help comfort a hurting world by sharing our gifts so that others in the world can flourish. No matter what we think of the gifts we give, God will help us share them far beyond anything we could do ourselves. Let us now present our gifts.

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

Let us pray...**Gracious God, you are our provider and sustainer. We bring our gifts today, mindful of your abundant love and mercy. As we offer these offerings, we ask that you remind us of the call to let go of our earthly attachments and follow you wholeheartedly. Bless these gifts and use them to further your kingdom on earth, so that all may experience your grace and love. May our giving reflect our trust in you and our commitment to serve others. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN #399

"TAKE MY LIFE, AND LET IT BE"

*BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL

Translated Abenaki Prayer

May your knowledge lead you to a peaceful and honest life filled with love and compassion for others. Honor those who have come before you and those yet to come, acknowledging that all desire a good life, so that your days will be long, and summer will always be near. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE – HYMN #673

"GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN" (V 1)

POSTLUDE – *Prelude in C*, BWV 545, J. S. Bach

Calendar and Notices

This week

Wednesday	➤ Playgroup	9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Thursday	➤ Contemplative Prayer Group	11 a.m.
	➤ AA	7 p.m.
Friday	➤ Creative Movement for Children	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
	➤ Farmers Market <i>at the Baptist Lot</i>	2 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
	➤ Community Meal	5:30 p.m.

Pastor: Benjiman Durfee
Music Director: Keith Rollinson
Custodian: Pat Valeski

Ministers: Members of the Congregation
Church Secretary: Brook Batteau
Nursery Attendant: Lisa Porter

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