

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 20, 2024

Twenty-Second 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 – *I am Black but Comely*, op. 18, nr. 3, Marcel Dupré

WOMEN'S HEALING CHANT – Traditional

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING HYMN #2004

"PRAISE THE SOURCE OF FAITH AND LEARNING"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Power and might and majesty belong to God who created and is creating.

Thanks be to God for God's mighty wonders.

Like the image of the power wind, and heavens as a garment, God's majesty is revealed in all creation.

We look around us at the wonders and the infinite variety and beauty which God has created.

Who are we, that God should pay attention to us?

We are God's beloved children, the stewards whom God has selected to care for God's world. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray.. **Holy Dwelling Place, your tent is wide enough to provide shelter for all who seek you, food for all who hunger, and healing for all who suffer. Meet us here today, and fill us with confidence in your presence, that we may risk sharing Jesus' cup and his baptism so the world may become the place of love and justice you desire for all. Shelter us with your light, and clothe us with your heavenly garments. Teach us how we may best serve ourselves and one another on this daring adventure. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN #152

"I SING THE ALMIGHTY POWER OF GOD" (vv 1 & 3)

TIME FOR ALL AGES

FIRST READING

JOB 38:1-7

*GOSPEL READING

MARK 10:35-45

SERMON – “How Little We Know”

Pastor Benjiman Durfee

MUSICAL INTERLUDE – *Récit de Cornet*, François Couperin

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 HUMILITY

From christianaid.org.uk

God with us...When we privilege our own agendas, hurt others in the effort to impose our will, or chain ourselves to our fears, tumble us off the throne of our pride, and release us into finding our worth in your love.

Merciful God, you know us, you love us, you free us. Your mercy meets us in our confusion; may your spirit meet us in our everyday living. Amen.

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 – *Prelude Andante*, Justin Knecht

*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... Loving God, you teach us humility and service. We bring our offerings today with grateful hearts. As we reflect on your holy scripture today, may we give as a testament to our commitment to serve others, not seeking the highest places but embracing the path of sacrificial love. Bless these gifts and use them to advance your kingdom. Remind us that true greatness always comes through serving. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #181**

"YE SERVANTS OF GOD" (VV 1 & 4)

***BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL**

As you go from here, remember the promises of God. Go with joy, confident that the love and mercy of God goes with you. Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE – HYMN #673

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

POSTLUDE – *Offertoire sur les Grands Jeux*, François Couperin

Calendar and Notices

This week

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| Wednesday | ➤ Playgroup | 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. |
| | ➤ Community Clothes Closet | 11:30 a.m. – 3 p.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. |
| Saturday | ➤ Community Clothes Closet | 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. (noon) |

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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