

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 27, 2024

Twenty-Third 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 – *Sonata in F*, K. 106, Domenico Scarlatti

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING HYMN #451

“BE THOU MY VISION”

CALL TO WORSHIP

I will bless the Lord at all times—

praise will continually be in my mouth.

My soul shall rejoice in the Lord;

let the humble hear it and rejoice.

Come, glorify our God with me.

Let's exalt God's name together!

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray.. **Christ, our teacher and healer, you heard the cry of the blind beggar when others would have silenced him. Teach us to be attentive to the voices others ignore, that we might respond through the power of the Spirit to heal the afflicted and to welcome the abandoned for your sake and the sake of the gospel. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN #2009

“O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING”

TIME FOR ALL AGES – “Trick or Treat”

FIRST READING

PSALM 34:1-8

*GOSPEL READING

MARK 10:46-52

SERMON – “Persisting in Faith”

Pastor Benjiman Durfee

MUSICAL INTERLUDE – *Duo, 3e Ton*, Jacques Boyvin

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

When we want to be a church ever-reforming,
yet cling to comfortable ways:

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!

When we want to honor your “still speaking voice,”
but are fearful of insights which challenge old assumptions:

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!

When we want to live into Jesus’ dream of oneness,
but fail to listen to voices of difference:

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Take heart; Jesus is calling to us! We trust in the one who has guided the church for two millennia. Through Christ, God forgives us our failings, and continues to call us into a community of mutual love and forgiveness. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Glory to God! 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

OFFERTORY MUSIC – *Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele*, J. G. 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

Let us pray... Merciful God, you open our eyes to your truth, and we bring our gifts to you with gratitude. As we reflect on the story of Bartimaeus, we bring our offerings as a response to your call, a step in faith to follow you more closely. Use these gifts to spread your love and light, helping others to see your grace and mercy. Bless our giving and open our hearts to see the needs around us so that we may serve with compassion and humility. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #169

"IN THEE IS GLADNESS"

*BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL

BENEDICTION RESPONSE – HYMN #673

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

POSTLUDE – *Sonata in d*, K. 9, Domenico Scarlatti

Calendar and Notices

This week

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| 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. |

Looking ahead

- Su. Nov. 3** ➤ Daylight Savings Time ends