


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 6, 2024

Twentieth 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!

PRELUDE – *Communion*, op. 8, Louis Vierne

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING HYMN #189

“FAIREST LORD JESUS” (VV 1 & 4)

CALL TO WORSHIP

O let the earth bless the Holy One.

Waters of earth, bless God!

Whales, fish, and all that move in the waters, bless the Holy One.

Birds of the air, bless God!

Moose, deer, fox, and forest creatures, bless the Holy One.

Rabbits, squirrels, ducks, and geese bless God!

Dog, cats, and children of the earth, bless the Holy One.

Praise both the Creator and creation forever!

OPENING PRAYER

Collect for St. Francis

Let us pray.. **O Holy One, grant your people grace, that following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with joy.**

O God, you have made us and all living things. You are even more wonderful than what you have made. We thank you for giving us these pets who bring us joy. As you take care of us, so also we ask your help that we might take care of those who trust us to look after them. By doing this, we share in your own love for all creation. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #166

“ALL PRAISE TO THEE, FOR THOU, O DIVINE KING” (VV 1 & 5)

TIME FOR ALL AGES – Steve Damon

Christian Education Coordinator at United Church of Bernardston

FIRST READING

THE CREATION STORY (ABBREVIATED FROM GENESIS 1:1-34)

*GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 11:25-30

SERMON – “The Great Communion” Pastor Benjiman Durfee

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

O Holy One, we ask your blessing upon these animals, gathered here today. We thank you for the many ways in which they enrich our lives. Give them health and happiness and long life; bless them in the days to come, and keep us mindful of our responsibilities for these, your wonderful and beautiful creatures. **Amen.**

You may come forward with your pet during the musical interlude for them to be blessed individually and by name.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE – *Canzone*, Vincenzo Pellegrini

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light; and
where there is sadness, joy.**

**O, God, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

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 *Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ (Praise be to You, Jesus Christ)*, J. H. Buttstedt

*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**

HOLY COMMUNION – Using Musical Setting C from UMH 17, *please see insert.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Let us pray...**Almighty God, our great Creator, yours are the praise, the glory, the honor and all blessings! To you alone do all things belong. Be praised for giving us the animals, birds and fish which fill your world. May we think of you and thank you when we play with and care for our pets. Be praised for making us so happy to have our pets and to have them to play with. We ask you, Lord, that we may be good to our pets always, so that they may be happy also. Help us always to take care of them so that they will be healthy. O God, your world is wonderful. May we all come into your even greater world of the kingdom of heaven where we shall see even more wonderful things and where we shall live and love forever. This we ask to your eternal praise, and to our blessing. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN #147

"ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL" (vv 1 & 4)

* BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL

May the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord show his face to you and have compassion on you! May God turn his face to you and give you peace! And the bless of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be with you now and always!
Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE – HYMN #673

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

POSTLUDE – *Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux*, François Couperi

Wednesday	➤ Playgroup	9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.
	➤ Community Clothes Closet	11:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Thursday	➤ 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.