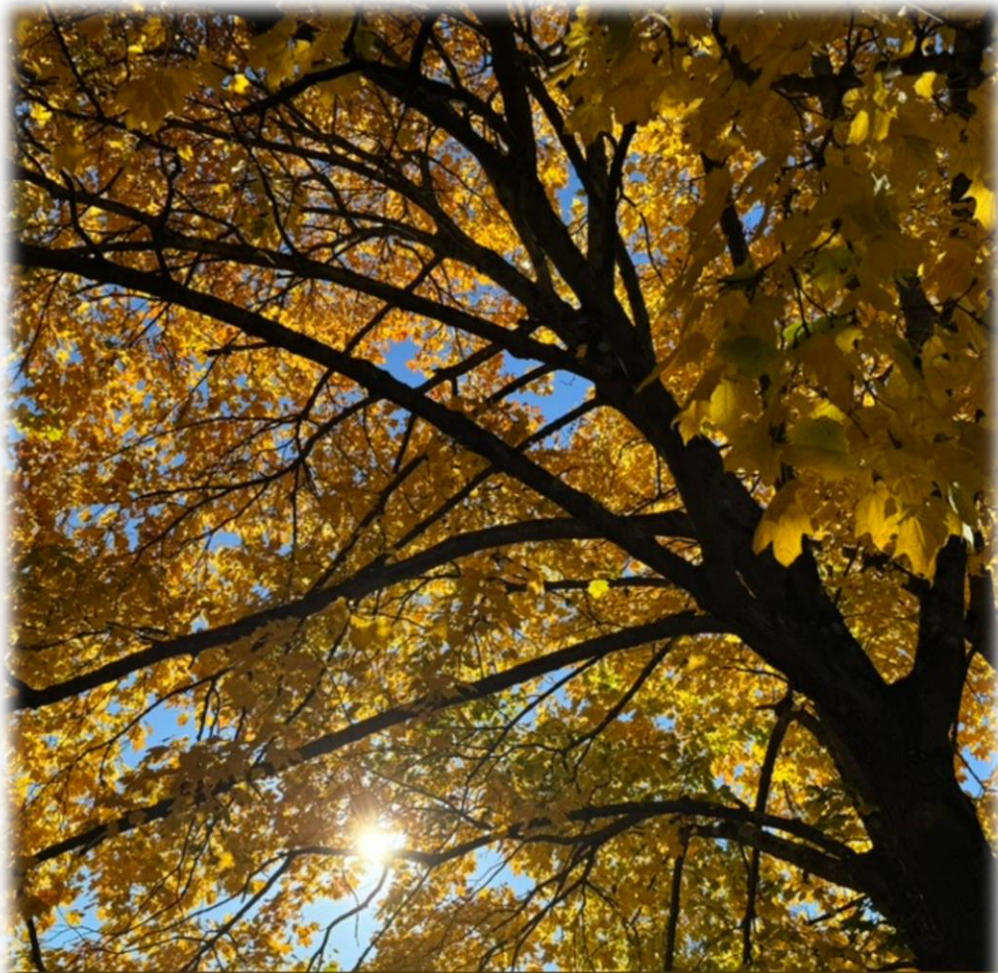


Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts



There is a calmness to a life
lived in gratitude. A quiet joy.

-Ralph H. Blum



Grounded in Gratitude

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

November 10, 2024

Twenty-Fifth 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 – *Lob sei dem Allmächtigen Gott (Praise be to the Almighty God)*, BWV 602, J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING HYMN #132

“ALL MY HOPE IS FIRMLY GROUNDED”

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 146

Let all who draw breath praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord!

Happy are those whose help is from God—
the One who made heaven and earth,
the One who created the seas and all that is in them.

**Happy are those whose hope is in God—
the One who keeps faith forever,
the One who feeds the hungry
and defends the oppressed.**

God will reign forever, for all generations.

Let all who draw breath praise the Lord.

OPENING PRAYER

Adapted from the World Council of Churches

Let us pray.. **God, Protector of the widow, the orphan, and the stranger – in a world where many know despair, you raised Jesus to give hope for humanity and renewal to the earth. Continue to strengthen and unify your people in our struggles against the forces of death in the world, where violence against creation and humanity obscures the hope of the new life you offer. This we pray in the name of the risen Christ, Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN #87

“WHAT GIFT CAN WE BRING”

TIME FOR ALL AGES – “A Note of Thanks”

FIRST READING

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-24

*GOSPEL READING

MARK 12:38-44

SERMON – “All Circumstances?”

Pastor Benjiman Durfee

MUSICAL INTERLUDE – *Moment in D flat*, César Franck

GRATITUDE MOMENT: Lois Bascom

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.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC – *Fugue, 3e Ton*, Jacques Boyvin

*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, whose compassion knows no bounds, we offer these gifts as a reflection of our love and gratitude. Just as the widow gave all she had, may we also give sacrificially, trusting in your provision. Use these offerings to further your kin-dom, bringing hope and healing to those in need. Bless our giving, that it may extend your grace and peace to all. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN #671

"LORD, DISMISS US WITH THY BLESSING"

*BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL

Beloved, go from this place blessed by God who provides everything we need, who teaches us to notice the needs of our neighbors, and who inspires us to live in God's abundance as we share with one another. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE – HYMN #673

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

POSTLUDE – *Trio, 7^e couplet*, François Couperin