

Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts



Small seeds of gratitude
will produce a harvest of hope.

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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 17, 2024

Twenty-Sixth 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 – *Danket dem Herrn (Give Thanks to the Lord)*, BuxWV 181, Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING HYMN #598

“O WORD OF GOD INCARNATE” (VV 1 & 4)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock

Children of God, when wars and rumors of wars circle all around, Jesus says:

Do not be alarmed. This is not the end.

When earthquakes, hurricanes, fires, famines, and floods produce chaos and destruction, Jesus says:

Do not be alarmed. This is not the end.

When misinformation and disinformation try to dismantle relationships of trust in our families, churches, cities, and nation, Jesus says:

Do not be alarmed. This is not the end.

Children of God, whatever leaves you feeling unsteady, insecure, scared, and confused today--do not be alarmed. This is not the end.

We come to worship God who inscribes our ending, our beginning, and everything in-between in Love. Thanks be to God! Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray.. God of possibilities, fill us with your hope and faithfulness. Listen to us as we pour out our souls before you. Grant us the grace to be your people and to live your teachings. Live in us, that we may arise with hope and walk in love. In the name of Christ our rock, we pray. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #66

“PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN” (VV 1, 2 & 4)

TIME FOR ALL AGES – “Journaling our Gratitude”

FIRST READING

HEBREWS 10:19-25

*GOSPEL READING

MARK 13:1-8

SERMON – "Seeds of Gratitude"

Pastor Benjiman Durfee

MUSICAL INTERLUDE – The *Holy City*, Stephen Adams, performed by Nancy, Julie, Al & Keith

GRATITUDE MOMENT: Sandy Gaffey

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

As we offer our gifts to God, let us do so with the same generosity of spirit that has been shown to us in so many ways.

OFFERTORY MUSIC – *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (Awake, the Voice is Calling Us)*,
op. 79 no. 62, Marcel Dupré

*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... **God of all hopefulness, strengthen us this day to live in hope and gratitude. Give us the courage to live as people of generosity. Multiply our gifts, that the hungry might be fed and the poor might find abundance. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN #730

"O DAY OF GOD, DRAW NIGH"

*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 – *Fugue in F*, BWV 556, Johann Sebastian Bach