

# Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts



To be grateful is to recognize the  
Love of God in everything.

-- Thomas Merton



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 24, 2024

Last 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 – *Nun Danket alle Gott (Now thank we all our God)*, Justin Knecht

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING HYMN #694

***“COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME”***

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come! Let us give thanks to God!

**We give thanks for the gift of warm bread, the smell of dinner cooking in the oven, and the joy of gathering around a table together.**

Come! Let us give thanks to God!

**We give thanks for all the times God has made a way out of no way, providing for us in body and spirit just when we need it.**

Come! Let us give thanks to God!

**We give thanks for the ways God weaves us together as a community of love and care, supporting one another in the ebbs and flows of daily life.**

Let us come into God's presence with grateful praise!

**Come! Let us worship God together. Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray.. **God of Healing and Transformation, we hunger and thirst for your abundant life. We bring you our sorrow and ask for the bread of joy; we bring you our despair and ask for the bread of hope; we bring you our weariness and ask for the bread of inspiration.**

**Meet us here. We need the bread of heaven to sustain us as we journey to find our way, that we may we be one with you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN #102

***“NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD” (VV 1 & 2)***

TIME FOR ALL AGES – “Giving Back in Gratitude”

FIRST READING

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9

\*GOSPEL READING

JOHN 6:25-35

SERMON – “Do Not Worry About Anything”

Pastor Benjiman Durfee

MUSICAL INTERLUDE – *Récit de Chromhorne*, 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.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

In gratitude for all the abundant blessings you have showered upon us, we celebrate as we receive our morning offering and our pledges for the coming year.

OFFERTORY MUSIC – *Now thank we all our God*, op. 79 no. 57, 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... **There are no limits to the gifts you have given us, gracious Lord. Now we return thanks to you for these gifts and we bring these token to you, asking for your blessing on givers and gifts. Help these gifts and givers to be your witnesses throughout the world. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN #62

**"ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING" (vv 1, 4 & 5)**

\*BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL

Go, now, giving thanks for all that God has done and all that God is doing in your life, in this community, and in the world. May we be surprised by grace as gratitude opens us to recognize God's abundant provision all around us. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE – HYMN #673

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

POSTLUDE – *Simple Gifts*, Lyn Joyner