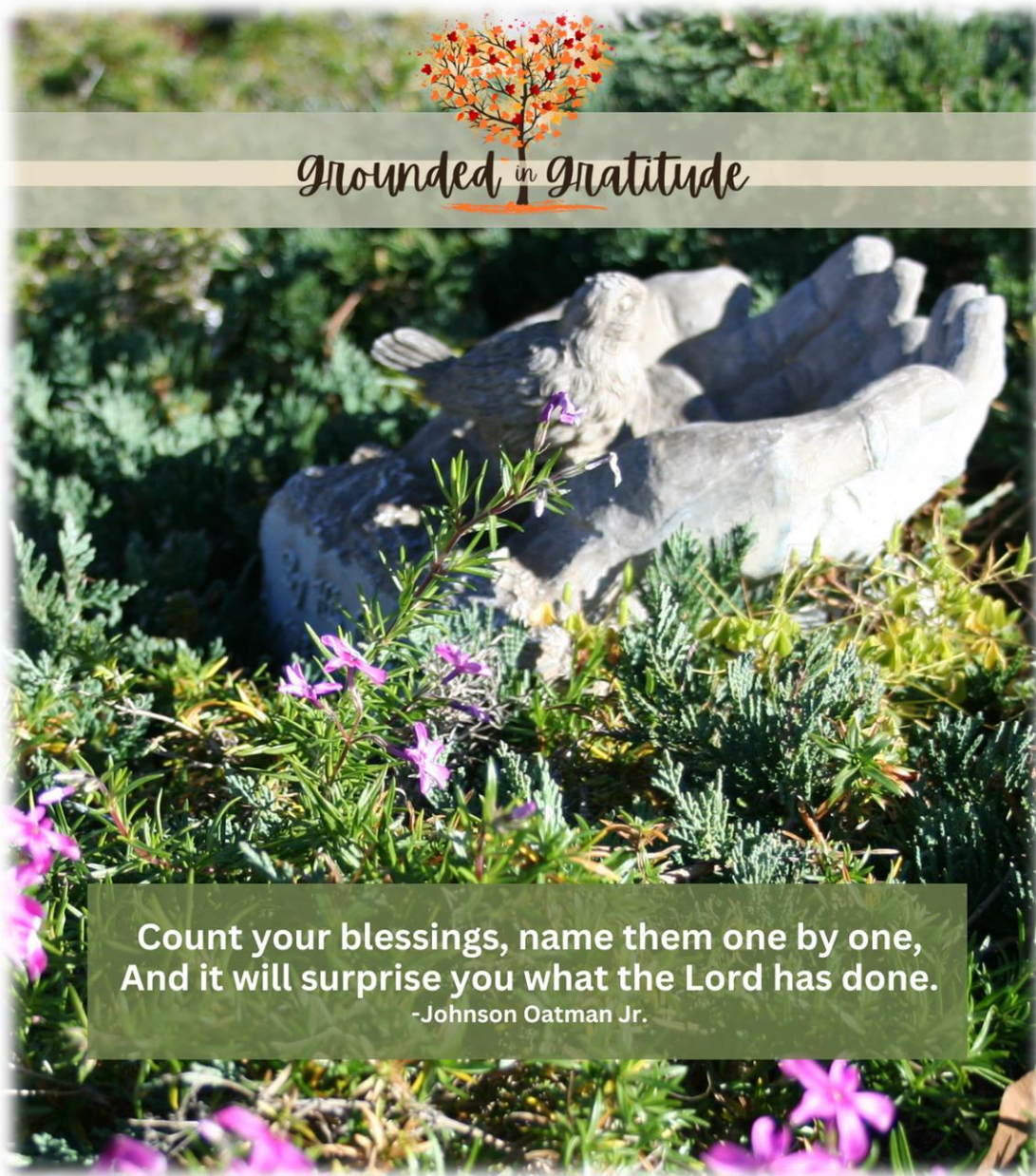


Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts



Count your blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord has done.

-Johnson Oatman Jr.

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 3, 2024

Twenty-fourth 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 – *Herzlich tut mich verlangen (I do dearly desire)*, op. 122, nr. 4, Johannes Brahms

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING HYMN #162

“ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA” (vv 1 & 4)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;

make music to our God upon the harp.

The Lord covers the heavens with clouds

and prepares rain for the earth,

making grass to grow upon the mountains

and green plants to serve humankind.

The Lord provides food for flocks and herds

and for the young ravens when they cry.

The Lord is not impressed by the might of a horse

and has no pleasure in human strength,

but finds pleasure in those who have faith in God,

in those who await the gracious favor of the Lord.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray.. **Abundant God, we come here today with hearts full of gratitude.**

We thank you for the countless blessings you have bestowed upon us, both seen

and unseen. As we gather in your presence, help us to remember your goodness

and faithfulness. Open our eyes to see the beauty in the everyday moments and

fill our hearts with a spirit of thankfulness. May our worship today be a true

reflection of our appreciation for all you have done and continue to do in our

lives. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #711

“FOR ALL THE SAINTS” (vv 1, 2 & 4)

TIME FOR ALL AGES – “Giving Thanks at Mealtime”

*GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 14:13-21

SERMON – “Grounded in Gratitude”

Pastor Benjiman Durfee

MUSICAL INTERLUDE – *Pavane*, William Byrd

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.

GRATITUDE MOMENT

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INVITATION TO OFFERING

As we prepare for our time of offering, let us take a moment to reflect on the abundance that God has provided in our lives. Giving is a way to express our gratitude for all that God has blessed us with. Let us give with joyful hearts, knowing that our contributions make a difference in the lives of others and in the growth of God’s kin-dom.

OFFERTORY MUSIC – *O Salutaris Hostia (O Beneficent Redeemer)*, op. 59, nr. 2, Alexandre Guilmant

*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 abundance, as we bring our offerings before you, we are reminded of the story of Jesus feeding the five thousand with just five loaves and two fish. We thank you for showing us that even the smallest gifts, when blessed by you, can be multiplied to meet the needs of many. Help us to give with generous hearts, knowing that you can take what we offer and transform it into blessings beyond our imagination. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

using Musical Setting C from UMH 17

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us prayer...**Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with this spiritual meal, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN #708

"REJOICE IN GOD'S SAINTS" (vv 1,3 & 4)

*BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL

May God fill your hearts with gratitude for God's endless blessings and guide you to share that thankfulness with others. As you go forth, may you carry the spirit of gratitude in all you do, recognizing God's hand in every moment. Go in peace, with hearts full of joy and thanksgiving. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE – HYMN #673

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

POSTLUDE – *Herr Gott, nun schleuss den Himmel auf* (Lord God, now open the Heavens),
BWV 617, J. S. Bach