

# Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts



## Give Peace a Chance

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

September 1, 2024

Fifteenth 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 – *Heartbeat drumming with Lois Bascom to honor indigenous peoples and to initiate and hold sacred space on the land Our Trinity Church is built on.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING HYMN #148

***“MANY AND GREAT, O GOD”***

(Lois Bascom is singing the first verse in Dakota then all sing verses 1 and 2 in English.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

For as long as the moon shall rise

**Let Us Know Peace**

For as long as the rivers shall flow

**Let Us Know Peace**

For as long as the sun shall shine

**Let Us Know Peace**

For as long as the grass shall grow

**Let Us Know Peace**

UNISON PRAYER

*Gandhi's Prayer for Peace*

**I offer you peace.**

**I offer you love.**

**I offer you friendship.**

**I see your beauty.**

**I hear your need.**

**I feel your feelings.**

**My wisdom flows from  
the Highest Source.**

**I salute that Source in you.**

**Let us work together  
for unity and love.**

\*OPENING HYMN #431

***“LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH”***

TIME FOR ALL AGES – Peace Is an Offering *read by Dusti Dufresne*

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

**MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF YOUR PEACE**

THE GOSPEL

**MATTHEW 5:1-9**

GOSPEL RESPONSE

May peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

MESSAGE – Peace Is Possible When We Give Peace A Chance

Gayle Davidson

MUSICAL INTERLUDE – Hymn #376 Dona Nobis Pacem (Grant Us Peace)

Sung by Nancy Parland and friends.

SILENT AND SPOKEN REFLECTION ON OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER (using the words most comfortable for you.)

**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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever Amen.**

THE OFFERTORY (*Gnossienne nr. II*, Erik Satie)

\*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**

\*CLOSING HYMN #533

***“WE SHALL OVERCOME”***

\*BENEDICTION – Words of Peace

Peace begins when the hungry are fed,  
Peace begins when we see each other as a friend,  
Let the peace begin.  
Send peace to All your friends and neighbors,  
Let it rain over all the land.  
Send it to all your worldly leaders,  
To join in peace with hearts and hands.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE – “All We Are Saying Is Give Peace A Chance”

POSTLUDE – *Von fremden Ländern und Menschen (Of foreign Countries and People)*,  
Robert Schumann

### Calendar and Notices

#### This week

<b>Wednesday</b>	➤ Playgroup	9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.
<b>Thursday</b>	➤ AA	7 p.m.
<b>Friday</b>	➤ 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.

#### Looking ahead

**September 8** - Pastor Ben Durfee officiating Sunday service  
**September 16** - Leadership Team Meeting, 5 p.m.  
**October 6** – Blessing of the Animals & CROP Walk

Pastor: Ben Dufree  
Music Director: Keith Rollinson  
Custodian: Pat Valeski

Ministers: Members of the Congregation  
Church Secretary: Brook Batteau  
Nursery Attendant: Lisa Porter

*Member of: The American Baptist Church ~ The Episcopal Church  
The United Church of Christ ~ The United Methodist Church*

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