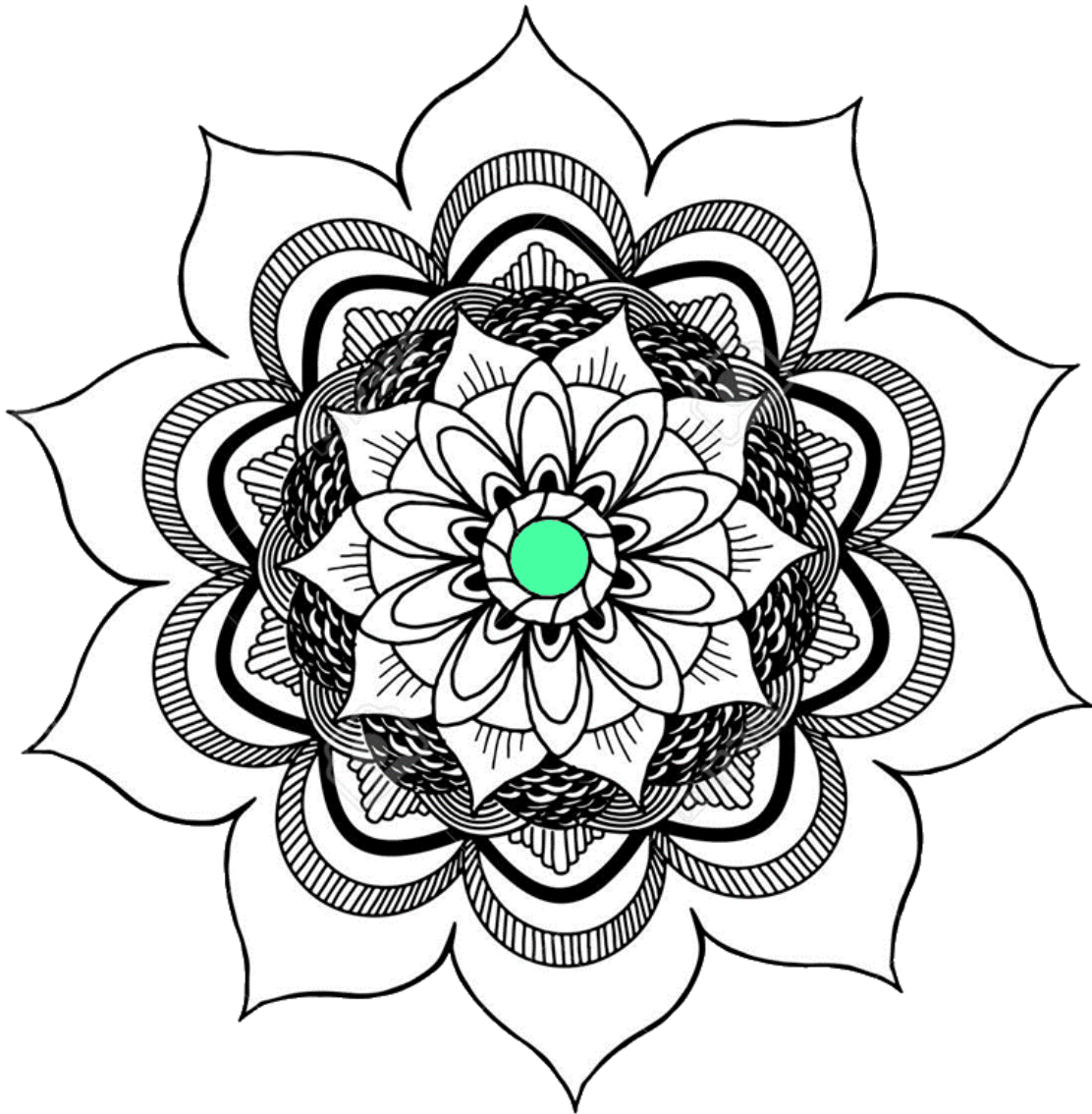


Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts



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 15, 2024

Seventeenth 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 – *O Gott, du frommer Gott (O God, thou pious God)*, op. 122 nr. 7, Johannes Brahms

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING HYMN #2121

“O HOLY SPIRIT, ROOT OF LIFE” (vv 1 & 2)

CALL TO WORSHIP

The heavens shout of God's glory!

There is so much beauty in this earth and in the heavens!

Day by day we are reminded of God's creative love.

Day by day we are blessed with large and small visions of God's glory.

Come, let us praise the God of creation.

Let us sing and shout our praises of thanksgiving and joy to God. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray.. **Jesus, redeemer of our common home and provider for all of creation; Teach us to value the habitats of all your creatures given into our care, so that we can preserve the world in all of its diversity. Inspire us to value your precious gifts and never to take more than we can give, For you live and reign in the diversity of the Blessed Trinity, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN #577

“GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY” (vv 1 & 3)

TIME FOR ALL AGES – Pastor Ben

FIRST READING

PROVERBS 1:20-33

*GOSPEL READING

MARK 8:27-38

SERMON – “Wisdom is Calling” Pastor Benjiman Durfee

MUSICAL INTERLUDE – *Herr Christ, der einig Gottes Sohn (Lord Christ, God's only Son)*, J. G. Walther

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.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray...God of compassion, have mercy upon us. Heal our relationship with all creation. Forgive us for our mistreatment and neglect of the creatures who share the earth with us. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent for what we have done to harm them, and for what we have not done to help them. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may care for one another and for all creatures, according to your will and in the fullness of your love; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon and Peace

Receive the healing love of Jesus. Give your lives to Christ's service by serving and caring for all of Creation. Be at peace: Peace with yourself. Peace with Creation. Peace with one another.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer a sign of Christ's peace with our neighbor.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

We can help comfort a hurting world by sharing our gifts so that others in the world can flourish. No matter what we think of the gifts we give, God will help us share them far beyond anything we could do ourselves. Let us present them now.

OFFERTORY MUSIC– *Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier (Dear Jesus, we are here)*, op. 28 nr. 52, 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 THANKSGIVING

Let us pray...**All things come from you, O God, and with praise and thanksgiving we return to you what is yours. You created all that is, and with love formed us in your image. When our love failed, your love remained steadfast. All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you. And so, in gratitude for all that you have done, we offer you ourselves, and all that we have, in union with Christ's offering for us. By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN #92

"FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH" (vv 1, 2 & 4)

* BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL

Go forth with love and care for God's earth. Go forth with vital awareness of God's comprehensive vision and purpose for creation. Go forth with awe and gratitude to ensure justice to the trees and rivers as well as the person next to you – they are not without purpose in God's vision. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE – HYMN #673

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

POSTLUDE – *Fugue sur la Trompette*, François Couperin

Calendar and Notices

This week

Monday	➤ Leadership Team Meeting	5 p.m.
Wednesday	➤ Playgroup	9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Thursday	➤ AA	7 p.m.
Friday	➤ 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

October 6 – Blessing of the Animals & CROP Walk

Pastor: Benjiman Durfee
Music Director: Keith Rollinson
Custodian: Pat Valeski

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

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