

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 22, 2024

Eighteenth 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 – *Prelude in A minor, BWV 559, J. S. Bach*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING HYMN #2004

“PRAISE THE SOURCE OF FAITH AND LEARNING” (vv 1 & 2)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus calls us to servant ministry.

We must be willing to help others, not counting the cost or rewards.

Pretense, disharmony, greed have no place in discipleship.

Serving God means receiving each person as though they were a beloved child.

Lord, help us to truly become your disciples.

Create in us hearts for ministries of compassion and kindness. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray.. **Lord, be with us this day, helping us to put our priorities in order; so that we may faithfully serve you by serving your people. Heal our spirits. Enable us to follow your ways all the days of our lives. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN #421

“MAKE ME A CAPTIVE, LORD” (vv 1, 3 & 4)

TIME FOR ALL AGES – Pastor Ben

FIRST READING

JAMES 3:13-4:3, 7-8A

*GOSPEL READING

MARK 9:30-37

SERMON – “The Circle of Christ’s Love” Pastor Benjiman Durfee

MUSICAL INTERLUDE – *In G, quasi lento, César Franck*

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

Loving God, you have invited us into relationship with you, and others. For the times when we have turned away and broken the bonds between us.

Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy

You have given us many gifts to share with one another. For the times when we have used them without regard for others. Christ have mercy

Christ have mercy

You invited us to be to be your disciples in the world. For the times when we have rejected Your invitation and taken our own path. Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy

A MOMENT OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God who with wisdom sent us Jesus Christ, forgives us our sins and restores our relationship with God, with each other and with all of creation. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Remaining in our pews,

let us turn and 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 now present our gifts.

OFFERTORY MUSIC – *Freu dich sehr, o Meine Seele (Rejoice Greatly, O My Soul)*, Georg Böhm

*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 Love and Mercy, we bring these offerings with grateful hearts, honoring your enduring guidance in our lives. Just as Wisdom works with willing hands and provides for those in need, may these gifts be used to nurture and uplift our community. Inspire us to follow your teachings of kindness and generosity. Transform our contributions into acts of love and justice, spreading your light in the world. May we always give credit to your divine wisdom and grace. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #581

"LORD, WHOSE LOVE THROUGH HUMBLE SERVICE" (vv 1 & 4)

*BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL

Go in confidence and peace, joyfully serving the God who goes with you. Bring hope to the hopeless, joy to those who sorrow, peace to the afflicted. Go forth to serve all of creation with the love of God. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE – HYMN #673

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

POSTLUDE – *Verbum Supernum (The Word of Heaven)*, Nicolas de Grigny

Calendar and Notices

This week

Monday	➤ Leadership Team Meeting	5 p.m.
Wednesday	➤ Playgroup	9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.
	➤ Community Clothes Closet	11 a.m. – 3:30 p.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.
Saturday	➤ Community Clothes Closet	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Looking ahead

October 6 – Blessing of the Animals & CROP Walk