


# 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 8, 2024

Sixteenth 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 – *Berceuse (Lullaby)*, op. 31 nr. 19, Louis Vierne

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CENTERING HYMN #147

***“ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL”***

CALL TO WORSHIP

God, open our hearts this morning to hear your words of compassion.

**Lord, help us to truly listen to you.**

God, open our spirits this morning to strengthen our faith.

**Lord, help us to work for you.**

God, make us ready to serve.

**Lord, make us ready to witness to your healing love. AMEN.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Let us pray.. **God, Creator of our common home, your boundless love includes everyone. Open our hearts and minds to your generous will, that we may proclaim Christ's love and justice through words and actions. May we serve the needs of our neighbors within the Community of all Creation and may justice flow down like rivers. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN #548

***“IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST”***

TIME FOR ALL AGES – Pastor Ben

FIRST READING

**PROVERBS 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23**

GOSPEL READING

**MARK 7:24-37**

SERMON – “The Margins of Creation” by Pastor Benjiman Durfee

MUSICAL INTERLUDE – *Come O Thou Traveler*, Trad. Scottish melody arranged by Mary K. Jackson.

Sung by Nancy Parland.

## 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.**

### THE OFFERTORY (*Voluntary I in D, larghetto, William Boyce*)

#### \*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**

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Let us pray...Lord, you have given us a world full of rich resources to feed us all and to provide us with all that the body and mind could need; Yet the poor are still with us, deprived of food, of home, of education and dignity; deprived of healing and of hope. Forgive our inhumanity. Forgive our selfishness and greed. Forgive our church life and our home life. Forgive us for leaving Christ unfed, unhoused, without healing and without hope. Forgive us and bring ourselves and our possessions back to you. In Christ's name. Amen.**

### SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Children of God, through Christ you are forgiven. Let us draw our hearts near to God's table to recall Christ's saving acts and to receive grace for our journey.

### HOLY COMMUNION (please see insert; using Musical Setting C from UMH 17, p.20)

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Let us pray...Eternal God, we thank you for your presence in this holy feast. May we know the presence of Jesus among us. Take us from this table, raised and restored, ready not to be served but to serve, in the power of the Spirit. Amen.**

#### \*CLOSING HYMN #664

**"SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING"**

\* BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL

Go out into the world rejoicing, and encounter the Creator who waits to meet you there; Rejoice in its richness and diversity and live as those who praise God for its bounty; and the blessing of the Creator God, the Risen Christ and the Promised Holy Spirit bless you that you might be a blessing to others today and always.  
**Amen.**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE – HYMN #673

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

POSTLUDE – *Herr Christ, der Einig Gottes Sohn (Lord Christ, the Only Son of God)*, BWV 601, J. S. Bach

### Calendar and Notices

#### This week

|                  |  |                         |
|------------------|--|-------------------------|
| <b>Wednesday</b> | ➤ Playgroup                                | 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.     |
|                  | ➤ Community Clothes Closet                 | 11:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.     |
|                  | ➤ Creation Care Webinar                    | 7 p.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.               |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | ➤ Community Clothes Closet                 | 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.       |

#### Looking ahead

**September 16** - Leadership Team Meeting, 5 p.m.

**October 6** – Blessing of the Animals & CROP Walk

Pastor: Benjamin 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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