

## 06-05-22 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“Prophetic dreams and visions are not future gifts. They are gifts for here and now. Not a once-for-all event in the room in Jerusalem, the Spirit comes again to the community in every age, inspiring visions that propose how current realities can be transformed by God through us.”

- Elaine Eberhardt



Acts 2:1-4, 14-21 ✠ John 14:15-17

### Questions for Reflection —

- What does it mean for someone to be filled with the Holy Spirit? How have you known the enlivening power of the Holy Spirit in your life? How do you hear and understand the unique way the Holy Spirit is calling you? What would it look like for you to respond with loving surrender? What spiritual practices will better enable you to increase your awareness of the presence and movement of the Holy Spirit in your daily life?
  
- What current realities do you see that are in need of God’s transformation? What do you think God’s vision might be for that transformation? How can you as a disciple or we as a congregation partner in the new thing God is doing in order to bring about that transformation? How can you/we be active participants in God’s mission of love, peace, and justice? How can we be more open to the Holy Spirit’s working within us, with us, and through us to create new realities for our world?
  
- Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the church. What do you celebrate about the particular manifestation of the church that is Wesley UMC Worcester? What do you celebrate about our United Methodist denomination? What enables you to feel connected to other Christians beyond the local church or any particular denomination? In what ways does the church (our congregation, United Methodism, Christianity as a whole) fall short in following the example of Jesus? How can our congregation instead be a positive witness to God’s love in the world?

### Daily Household Prayer

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.