## 06-08-25 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

"We long for the spiritual renewal of the church, a new Pentecost: the transforming presence of the Spirit of God amongst us in a new way. We desire to rediscover what it means to be Pentecost People – people healed and transformed by the presence of the Holy Spirit, sharing in the death and resurrection of Christ, living in dynamic, welcoming communities, empowered to bear witness in example, deeds, and word to God's reign of love in the world"

Bishop Tracy Smith Malone

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Acts 2

## Questions for Reflection —

- What do you think it means to be "filled with the Holy Spirit"? What does it look like for the Holy Spirit to work in and through you? When or how have you seen the power of the Holy Spirit at work in your life? In the life of our congregation? In the world? What will help you be more open to seeing, hearing, and feeling the presence of the Holy Spirit?
- In what news ways might God be calling you to respond to the message of Pentecost? In what aspect(s) of your life is the Holy Spirit pushing, prompting, or motivating you to do something new or different? How will you respond? How will you bear witness by your actions and your speech to God's reign of love in our fractured world? What do you need in order be more open to God working in your life in whatever way God chooses?
- How is God presently calling us as a congregation to move beyond our status quo? How can we be more open to discerning God's dreams for us, to seek and live into God's vision for us and our world? What might get in the way of our living into God's future? How might we, inspired by the Holy Spirit, use our gifts and resources in new ways? What would it mean for us to allow the Holy Spirit to refresh us, equip us, and move us to fulfil the mission that God has for us?

## **Daily Household Prayer**

God of our living breath, you poured out your Spirit on Jesus' followers long ago, and created the church. Pour out your Spirit on us now, and make us once again the Body of Christ, breathing your love, on fire with your courage, carried on the winds of your joy. Speak your Word to us, and set our heart aflame with your love. Amen.