

05-24-26 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“Pentecost is both a celebration and an invitation. We celebrate and remember God’s mighty and continuing act of sending the Holy Spirit to dwell among us, to guide us and nurture us on the journey of faith. We also receive and remember the invitation to follow the Spirit, to cooperate with God’s work in the world.”

Lisa Hancock



Acts 2:1-21

Questions for Reflection —

- What do you think it looks like for a person to be filled with and empowered by the Holy Spirit? When or how have you experienced the pouring out of the Holy Spirit on your life? What would it mean for you to accept the Holy Spirit anew this Pentecost? What will help you remain open to the ways the Holy Spirit is speaking and acting in the present? How can we as a congregation cultivate increased awareness of the presence and movement of the Holy Spirit? What do you think it looks like for a congregation to be on fire with the Holy Spirit?

- How have you experienced the creative and life-giving power of the Holy Spirit? When have you been startled or unsettled by the workings of God in your life? When has God enabled you to do something that you were not sure you could do? Is there presently something towards which the Spirit is nudging you that feels unsettling? What do you need in order to respond in faith? How will you let the Holy Spirit mold and use you?

- What are your unique spiritual gifts? What personal abilities, gifts, or qualities enable you to cooperate with and contribute to God’s work in the world? Who or what helped you to recognize those gifts? Do you think you may have gifts that are yet to be revealed or that need further nurturing? What do you need in order to embrace your gifts in a way that enables you to answer God’s call more boldly? How might the Holy Spirit be inviting you to transformative growth?

Daily Household Prayer

Send forth your Spirit, O God, and renew the face of the earth. Dwell among us, even though your presence will startle and unsettle us. Grant us your peace, we pray, as justice and love pour down upon the yearning earth. We ask that you give us the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to be your people in all we say and do. We pray in the name of Jesus and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.