



Wednesday Prayer

Pentecost – Together, with the Holy Spirit

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:1-4

As I read this passage, what struck me in these days of social isolation, was the thought, “How fortunate they were that they could gather ‘together in one place’”. I miss gathering with others for worship and other reasons. But I’m sure that even if those early believers were socially isolating in the midst of a pandemic, the Holy Spirit would have come to them anyway, just as the Holy Spirit continues to come to us in our individual homes.

As has been pointed out frequently the last few weeks, the church has not been closed; instead, the people of God have been called by the Holy Spirit to be the church in new ways, to speak in new languages, just as these early believers were empowered to do. We’re doing things that we don’t usually do like making masks to protect health care workers and others, wearing masks to prevent the spread of COVID-19, feeding children who can’t get their free lunches at school, and gathering outside the windows of senior living facilities to relieve the loneliness of those most vulnerable to the virus.

We’re also called to continue the work of Cherish All Children as we continue to worship virtually, and as some transition to safely gathering “together in one place”. Even in our own homes, we can pray, educate and advocate through social media for those who are vulnerable to exploitation and trafficking in our communities and world. If we’re fortunate enough to have our jobs or financial security, we can donate to keep these essential services going. You can [sponsor a runner or walker](#) in this year’s [Cherish All Children 5K](#) or join the team! Feel and embrace the power of the Holy Spirit blowing through your life, and find new ways to share the church’s on-going message of new life through Christ.

Come Holy Spirit, set our hearts on fire and stir us from the placidness that can overtake us as we remain in our homes. Just as you gave the gift of new language to the early disciples, empower us to speak of your love and grace in new ways. Compel us to live lives of prayer, education and advocacy, especially for those who are exploited or trafficked, so that others can feel the power of your love as it blows through the universe. Amen.

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