

05-19-24 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“Pentecost is the church’s annual reminder that the Holy Spirit not only calls us together but equips us to listen and learn from one another, to grow in understanding and empathy, to be God’s people and Christ’s church together.”

- Teri McDowell Ott



Acts 2:1-21

Questions for Reflection —

- What comes to mind when you think about the Holy Spirit? How do you understand the presence and work of the Holy Spirit in your life? In our congregation? In the world? What will help open you to more easily seeing, hearing, and feeling the presence of the Holy Spirit? How can we as a congregation cultivate greater sensitivity to the workings of the Holy Spirit?

- What do you think it means for you to live a Spirit-filled life? What impact has the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life had on who you are and how you live? When have you seen the Holy Spirit breaking into the ordinariness of daily life? For what task(s) do you need to be empowered by the Holy Spirit?

- What would it mean for us as a congregation to seek the Holy Spirit’s guidance in facing new and/or unexpected challenges? How can we best discern God’s vision and dream for us? In what amazing new direction(s) might the Holy Spirit be nudging our congregation? What gives you hope for the future of the church?

Daily Household Prayer

Perplexing, Pentecostal God, you infuse us with your Spirit, urging us to vision and dream. May the gift of your presence find voice in our lives, that our babbling may be transformed into discernment and the flickering of many tongues light an unquenchable fire of compassion and justice. Amen.