



The Pastor's Ponderings . . .

Pentecost! Celebrate the Holy Spirit!

The church I grew up in was a place filled with teachers and musicians and other creative folk. We did all kinds of plays and musicals and musical evenings along with the usual pot luck and ice cream socials. We had traditions for different holidays, like most Congregations do.

Pentecost was exciting to a child. We wore a special color, Red, to represent the tongues of flame that hovered over the disciples and inspired and enabled them to speak their own language but be understood by all in their *own* language.

We sometimes had special decorations (often made by the kids and youth) like clear colored flames cut from bright colored cellophane that hung in all the windows of the church to remind us that the Holy Spirit was here with us, too! When you looked thru the clear glass window that divided the narthex from the sanctuary, it looked like the flames were dancing over the heads of our whole congregation!

Since then I have always liked to create an atmosphere of color and texture to bring us into the worship experience.

How can you create a space or a mood for Pentecost worship this Sunday? Red candles? Flame colored ribbons hanging from the chandelier? The words "Holy Spirit" in different languages decorating the table? Do the walls with red and yellow and orange tissue paper streamers? Or ribbons tied to your fan?

Or maybe you will bake a cake for the Birthday of the church... There are endless possibilities to light the flame of excitement and anticipation as we prepare to lift up and celebrate God's wonderful gift of a special spiritual comforter and teacher and advocate that is with us to the end.

Join us this weekend on Facebook or later on Vimeo or our website. Wear something red and light some candles and let's praise God in spirit together, while we are still apart.

Then join us for a Zoom Coffee Hour, you can join us by computer, cell phone or land line! See below!

Meanwhile, please pray for the guidance of your ARCC Board as they meet this Wednesday to discuss and make plans for our next phase of worship.

In the Spirit with you!

Pastor E

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Pastor Elaine Schoepf is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

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- ☐ Meditation/centering prayer focus for this Pentecost Sunday, May 31, at 2:30pm is *"Breath of God."*
- ☐ Contact Pastor Elaine (562-396-8039) if you would like to have a DVD of Sunday's services.



How is the Pentecost Offering used? In 2001, the Christian Church (DOC) embraced a bold vision: to start 1,000 new churches in 1,000 different ways by the year 2020. Today, we have welcomed 1,034+ new places of worship into the Church. The Table around which we gather has grown in language, diversity, and life experience.

Courageous leaders have answered the call to grow the denomination through the new church movement. They have reached the underserved, welcomed new neighbors, and created communities of faith. And we, as Disciples, have committed to supporting them.

Support the 202 Pentecost Offering. Each year, half of this offering stays in your Region to support and sustain new churches. The second half helps leaders across the United States and Canada through New Church Ministry programs.

Please make a gift to the 2020 Pentecost Offering which will be received May 31 through June 7.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you to ARCC for your thoughts, support, and prayers in memory of Mother.

I am so grateful for my church family during this time of sorrow.

I miss seeing you all on Sunday, but know the right time will come for all of us to be together once again.

Lavetta Bratton

"And in this he showed me a little thing, the quantity of a hazel nut, lying in the palm of my hand, as it seemed. And it was as round as any ball. I looked upon it with the eye of my understanding, and thought, 'What may this be?' And it was answered generally thus, 'It is all that is made.' I marveled how it might last, for I thought it might suddenly have fallen to nothing for littleness. And I was answered in my understanding: It lasts and ever shall, for God loves it. And so have all things their beginning by the love of God. In this little thing I saw three properties. The first is that God made it. The second that God loves it. And the third, that God keeps it."

Julian of Norwich — Revelations of Divine Love



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