

Greetings Merging Waters,

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This week we celebrate the Pentecost. The moment when Jesus tells of the grace of the Paraclete, the presence of the Spirit in our lives. We here in this week's reading from [John 15:26-27; 16:4-15](#) that the spirit is to be a companion, a partner in work – a friend and supporter who loves, inspires, and encourages us just as Jesus did his first disciples. Calling us into relationship with the Divine.

Exploring the role of the Spirit in our lives we hear of one who is love alive in the world, and in us, who calls, inspires us to be a people of faith, in relationship with the Divine, the Sacred One-In-All, that which is within and beyond. This passage brings questions for us to reflect upon:

- When have you felt the presence of the Spirit in your life?
- In what ways has the Divine presence been a shelter, challenge, and support to you?
- What is the Holy Spirit saying to the churches through our various sources of inspiration?
- What are we called, motivated, inspired to do in expression of this relationship?

Let's continue to seek inspiration. As we embrace the presence of the Spirit, encouraging our lives and work, and lighting the way for our journey, I look forward to our time together this week.

Peace and hope,

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