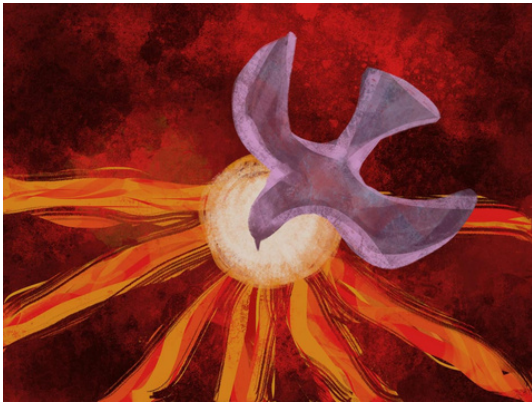




## The Weekly Chalice

May 21st 2026

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This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday, the day we remember the story from Acts 2 about the Holy Spirit being given to and received by Jesus' disciples after his ascension, as well as to the multitudes that hear the message of Peter and decide to become baptized.

Pentecost is the continuation of God's story with God's creation in describing what comes next after Jesus is taken up into heaven and is no longer physically with his disciples and friends on earth.

The story can be really helpful and instructive for anyone who has stood in a moment of great loss or transition and wondered "what's next?" Those moments can feel very overwhelming and disorienting. We don't give it as much attention, but the Holy Spirit is that part of God that comes alongside us in the moments of loss, transition, disorientation, and provides presence, assurance, guidance and emotional and spiritual strength.

Pentecost is one of the Christian high holy days that have not been incorporated into western culture in the same way that Christmas, and to a lesser degree, Easter have been. We don't take days off from work or travel to be family and friends for Pentecost. In many ways, it seems like "just another ordinary day."

Pentecost begins a season in the church known as *Ordinary Time*. Maybe it is called this because often "what comes next" is some returning to ordinary, every day life. After seasons of change and disorientation, this journey of returning to ordinary life can be both comforting and difficult. The ordinary rhythms of life provide some sense of comfort but also thoughts of "how can the world just keep going on as usual after this thing that has happened?"

Certainly Jesus' disciples and friends had these thoughts: how could they return to some sense of ordinariness? How could life just keep going on? How would they continue Jesus' work and know what to do in his absence?

Into this space, God sends the Holy Spirit--Advocate, Guide, Friend to be with them and with us, to guide us, to strengthen us and to help us create and walk into a new reality. The Holy Spirit is God's continuing presence with the original disciples and with those who follow in the way of Christ today. **Come this Sunday and wear red** and lets celebrate and receive God's gift of the Spirit to us!  
-Rochelle+



The Pentecost Offering, one of our special offerings, helps support New Church Ministry and your Region to nurture emerging and affiliating faith communities. Through these ministries, new spaces are created where people can encounter God, build meaningful relationships, and serve their neighbors with compassion. Your above and beyond regular giving helps these communities grow in neighborhoods seeking connection and hope. Thank you for giving, praying, and helping the Spirit continue its work among us.

This Memorial Day Weekend, we are mindful of those who have gone before us who served our country. We remember them as well as their families and give thanks for their example of service, honor and sacrifice.

Join us for our next Friday study series: *The Cup of Our Life* by Joyce Rupp, Fridays from noon-1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>.



## MAY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 12:00 pm-1:30 pm The Cup of Our Life Bible Study 12:00 pm AA	2 12:00 pm AA
3 9:30 Worship & Wonder 10:30 Worship Service	4 12:00 pm AA	5 12:00 pm AA 6:30 pm AA	6 10:30 am Prayer Group 10:30 am AI Anon 12:30 pm Sober Sisters 7:00 pm SLAA	7 12:00 pm AA 5:00 pm Elders Meeting 7:00 pm GA	8 12:00 pm-1:30 pm The Cup of Our Life Bible Study 12:00 pm AA	9 9:00 am-12:00 pm SCP Clean Day 12:00 pm AA
10 10:30 Worship Service Board Meeting after Service 12:00 pm Plant Sale	11 12:00 pm AA 6:30 pm SCP Board Meeting	12 12:00 pm AA 6:30 pm AA 6:00 pm SCP Spring Event	13 10:30 am Prayer Group 10:30 am AI Anon 12:30 pm Sober Sisters 7:00 pm SLAA	14 12:00 pm AA 7:00 pm GA	15 12:00 pm-1:30 pm The Cup of Our Life Bible Study 12:00 pm AA	16 12:00 pm AA
17 10:30 Worship Service	18 12:00 pm AA	19 12:00 pm AA 6:30 pm AA	20 10:30 am Prayer Group 10:30 am AI Anon 12:30 pm Sober Sisters 7:00 pm SLAA	21 12:00 pm AA 7:00 pm GA	22 12:00 pm-1:30 pm The Cup of Our Life Bible Study 12:00 pm AA SCP Last Day	23 10:30 pm Youth Group, Craft 12:00 pm AA
24 10:30 Worship Service	25 Memorial Day 12:00 pm AA	26 12:00 pm AA 6:30 pm AA	27 10:30 am Prayer Group 10:30 am AI Anon 12:30 pm Sober Sisters 7:00 pm SLAA	28 12:00 pm AA 6:00 pm Book Club via Zoom 7:00 pm GA	29 12:00 pm-1:30 pm The Cup of Our Life Bible Study 12:00 pm AA	30 12:00 pm AA
31 10:30 Worship Service			**Add on to the 27th 9:00 am-12:00 pm SCP Clean Day			