

May 19th
(Day of Pentecost)

“Spirit of Truth Comes”

Main Text: John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15
(Acts 2:1-21; Ezekiel 37:1-14)

On Pentecost, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church. This is the event that celebrates the gift of the Spirit that will guide us into all truth. We come together on this Sunday to pray for the gift of the Spirit to once again rest upon us and lead us into new life together as a community of faith. The story in Acts of the Pentecost reminds us that this gift is not a private gift or experience. The truth is discovered in community together not in isolation. The message of truth they were given crossed boundaries and translated into all languages, cultures and even religions. Can you see a difference between what the Spirit is doing and what many who claim to have the truth do with it? Ezekiel receives a vision of dry bones with no life. God asks the question, “Can these bones live?” The ultimate answer is that they can only live if God gives life to them. What does this reveal to us about those who would claim to possess the truth and can bring about restoration and new life? Jesus points to the Spirit of Truth that will come and guide us into all truth. Jesus did not give us the whole truth, because we could not handle it. Instead, he pointed them toward the Holy Spirit that would come. Happy Birthday church! The Spirit of Truth comes! As that Spirit leads us into all truth, watch as God makes these old bones live.

