



E-Messenger May 16, 2024

*Come and worship
Rejoice in fellowship
Love and serve the Lord!*



Photo from Tom Hobin on Easter Day

Dear All Saints' Family,

What does the Holy Spirit look like? What are we looking for as we anticipate the Day of Pentecost?

Acts gives us images of fire and a rushing wind with the arrival of the Holy Spirit among those first followers of Jesus. When the day of Pentecost had come the disciples were all together in one place. *And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. We read of disciples aflame with the fire of the Spirit such that the community hears differently. The fledgling church*

flourished through a Spirit-filled, Christ-centered community that acted differently.

What does the Spirit look like? The short answer is that we can't predict what the Spirit will look like, or when and through whom God's Holy Spirit will act. From my personal experience God often surprises with astonishing presence and power. We can, with certainty, anticipate the ever-present activity of the Spirit.

One way we see the Spirit is through the actions of the many disciples we meet along the Way. One such disciple was the saint the church commemorated on Monday, Frances Perkins. Perkins was a member of President Roosevelt's cabinet (the first woman to serve in a cabinet), appointed Secretary of Labor in 1933. She was a key leader in the passing of the Social Security Act and in promoting safer working conditions across industries.

Yet there is more to Frances Perkins than being an accomplished government figure. The historian Arthur Schlesinger Jr. described her in this way: *"She had pungency of character, a dry wit, an inner gaiety, an instinct for practicality, a profound vein of religious feeling, and a compulsion to instruct . . ."* I wonder if that compulsion to instruct came from a profound sense of the Spirit calling her to Kingdom work. Perkins herself once said, *"I came to Washington to work for God, FDR, and the millions of forgotten, plain common workingmen."* Note her number one priority.

There is a story about Frances Perkins that I especially appreciate. Before Perkins went to Washington, she served as an aid to New York governor Al Smith. It was said that in a discussion about Al Smith at his funeral in 1944, friends speculated on why Smith had become a social crusader. One person said this: "I'll tell you. Al Smith read a book. That book was a person, and her

name was Frances Perkins. She told him all these things and he believed her."

Frances Perkins was prophet, teacher, and advocate (and an Episcopalian). Her life was a story of God's Holy Spirit in action.

The comment, about Frances Perkins being a "book" makes me wonder about the "books" that others read in us Christians. What is our book about? Are others seeing the Holy Spirit acting through our lives?

Sunday is the Day of Pentecost. Wear red and brush up on the Lord's Prayer in the languages you learned it. That may include Kru, Igbo, Vai, Yoruba, or Grebo. Let us experience understanding of God's deeds of power in many languages this Sunday.

An invitation and reminder to join the Garden Clean-up morning this Saturday (9-10:30). It looks like the rain may stop for the weekend... if you are in your yard, feel free to bring flowers or greens for the altar on Sunday. Please let Marybeth or Dan know if you wish to bring flowers on a specific Su

And finally, Musa shared a link to a news clip about Sharde Cole's success in New Orleans as a chef at a new Senagalese restaurant, Dakar. Sharde is a former parishioner and Vestry member, and niece of Musa and Florence. The restaurant was nominated for a James Beard award! Hopefully you can watch through this

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If the above link gives you trouble, Musa will be happy to share the link directly!.

Here is the moving blessing Tom brought to us on Sunday from St. Eunice Episcopal church in Lake Placid:

The world is now too dangerous and too beautiful for anything but love!

May your eyes be so blessed you see God in everyone;

your ears so you hear the cry of the poor.

May your hands be so blessed that everything you touch be a sacrament;

your lips speak nothing but the truth with love.

May your feet be so blessed you run to those who need you.

And may your heart be so opened, so set on fire,

that your love changes everything. Amen.

Yours in the Spirit,

Julie

All are warmly welcome to join our Sunday Service of Holy Eucharist in-person, on Facebook, or via zoom at 9:30 am.

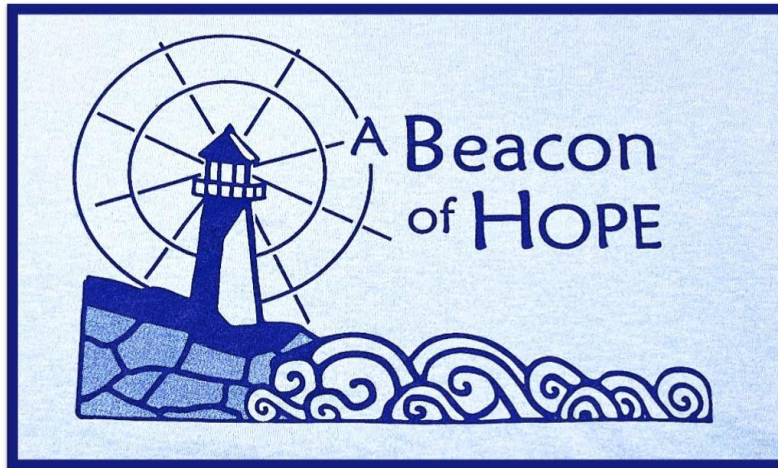
Here is the Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85484006164?pwd=ZzAvZVFUM2pKek0rMGVzMFFEcIFiUT09>

The Service program may be found [here](#).



Photo taken on Easter Sunday. Deirdre and Susan in the foreground. Cora, Joe Angell, Pattie, and Peter in the middle and back pews.



Outreach News



Mothers' Day Bake Sale: Thank you to the bakers/cooks and those who purchased food items!

Monthly Food Collection: This month we are collecting cold cereal although any non-perishable food items are most welcome. Thank you for your generosity!

Wednesday Noonday Prayer and Movie May 22

Next Wednesday, May 22 all are welcome to join Noonday Prayer followed by the continuation of our movie. Noonday prayer begins at 12:00 pm (in Rose Hall).

Ministries

May 19

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21 Tom Hobin

Response: Psalm 104:25-35,37

Second Reading: Romans 8:22-27 Anne Tait

Gospel: John 15:26-27;16:4b-15

Prayers of the People: Form II, BCP, Chip Smith

Chalice: Barbara Badio

Acolyte: Dan Mechnig

May 26

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8 April Donahower

Response: Psalm 29

Second Reading: Romans 8:12-17 Monika Kraemer

Gospel: John 3:1-17

Prayers of the People: Form II, BCP, Rosetta Evans

Chalice: Eric Hirsch

Acolyte: Tom Hobin

Altar Guild: Dan and Kathy

Upcoming Events

May 18: Garden Work Morning, 9-10:30

May 19: Vestry Meeting following the Service

**May 22: Noonday Prayer and Faith Inquirers,
12:00pm**

May 22: Choir Practice

June 5: Healing Service with Holy Eucharist, Noon

June 9: Facilities Meeting

Prayers

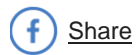
We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Gus, Victor, Gloria, and Wilmar; and for Dorothea Evans Gordon, Naida Thomas, Lusaynie Sirleaf, John Flinton, James, Rachael, Eva McBorrow, Jennifer, Carla, Sawyer L., Elizabeth Pacek, Calie, Ivy, John Dunning, Clara Hutchins, Andrew, Mary Carter, Karen, and Billy.

We pray for those who work for peace in the armed forces especially Hannah Makuch.

We pray for those who celebrate birthdays this week especially Erin Moniz.

We pray for young adults in our congregation – Willcia, Victor, Roma, Kojo, Anne Marie, Sarah, Fatima, Raheem, and Sommie; we pray for Derrick and Natalya who are soon to graduate from high school. May they know the Lord’s steadfast presence and love in all that they do.

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