



**Emmanuel Newsletter
Pentecost Sunday
Sunday, May 23, 2021**

Dear Friends,

This week our first reading is from the book of Acts. "...filled with the Holy Spirit [they] began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability."

Pentecost is often celebrated in the liturgy by reading lessons in different languages. I recall my granddaughter who is now in the French Emersion Program in school asking me over and over to tell the biblical story of the tower of Babel because in the first grade she didn't understand why people spoke different languages, much less French!

There is no better message for us today in America. We watched the Presidential election results on TV. Heard radio reports about the outcome and yet many of us understood their meaning in opposite ways. Who won the election? - Depends on whom you are speaking to and where you are having the conversation. The present political 'tower of Babel' is the clearest example of how powerful the experience of Pentecost was. Can we imagine all of us understanding one another clearly? What does that take? The answer is in the scripture, "as the Spirit gave them ability."

It is the Spirit of God that gets us to the point of understanding one another, even in this difficult political and social environment. We most likely will never get to the point of truly understanding one another. But I believe it can only happen if we recognize the Spirit of God in every voice that is heard.

Join us on **Saturday, May 22nd, at 5:00 p.m. on Zoom** to celebrate Pentecost. Wear something RED.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Joyce Caggiano

Priest in Residence, Emmanuel, West Roxbury



PRAYER LIST

We ask that you keep in your prayers the following persons: Paul; Mary; Catherine and Brant; Carla; Michael; Louise; Parker, Sergio, and Arthur.

(Please email us the names of those who need special prayers---info@emmanuelwr.org. Only first names will be used.)



NOTE: LIVE ZOOM SERVICE IS AT 5:00 PM this Saturday, May 22, 2021.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/93397820576?pwd=cEFuWnpaUWVhMCtiZHk3aGlmU0hzUT09>

Meeting ID: 933 9782 0576

Passcode: 172444

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