



# continuing the journey of transforming grace:

## transforming care

Feast of Pentecost | May 19, 2024

### *Opening Song:*

Taizé: Virtual Choir: Veni Sancte Spiritus

### *Opening Prayer*

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.

### *Scripture*

**1 Corinthians: 12-14**

"As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also in Christ. For in one Spirit, we were all baptized into one body"

### *Listen and Reflect*

**The Canceling of the American Mind:  
Freedom of Speech**

### *Questions for Reflection and Dialogue*

In the season of Pentecost, we hear the remembrance of the ways that those first gathered in Christian community understood the message in their own language. At the same time, there were still differences of culture and understanding.

How do we preserve the right for freedom of speech while also standing for non-violence and making of peace?

Listen this week for places where you may experience discomfort as you encounter freedom of speech and rhetoric that does harm. Notice what happens to you as you consider this dilemma in light of our work to address polarization.



### *Closing Pentecost Prayer*

Catholic Relief Services

Welcome, Holy Spirit,  
In the silence of a still night's  
fearful thought you come

Comfort in the sleepless worries  
Gentle in the rising doubts  
Forgiving all our handmade hurts  
Patient in our pointless hurry  
Counseling as the waves come crashing,

"Be still and know that I am God"  
Wonderful counselor, comforter,  
God with us

You will never abandon us  
You will always be with us  
Your promises are sure

Help us to give like you, forgive like you, live for you.

### *Closing Song*

**Ma Muse: Prayers for Freedom**

Blessed river, polishing stones,  
She is polishing our hearts, we are claiming our  
thrones,

To sit side by side in our awakened homes,  
Love is always watching  
Love is always watching

Refrain: (And we're gonna sing) Sing, sing our prayers  
for freedom

Medicine giver, gentle spirit of the land  
She is polishing our hearts in ways we do not  
understand

We walk side by side and offer both our hands,  
Love is always watching  
Love is always watching. REF

Brothers, sisters, brave pilgrims of the night  
We have followed our hearts, and to truth we have  
arrived

To sit side by side in divinity's light  
Love is always watching  
Love is always watching. REF