



with Cathedral for Kids!

Honoring Our Graduates + Pentecost Fun!

May 31, 2020

Dear Friends,

This is a tough season for all our graduates. After all, it is *really hard* to actually close one chapter of life when we can't mark it, celebrate it, or honor it in the normal ways! At the Cathedral, our tradition is to honor graduating seniors at our special Pentecost worship service. Even though we won't be together for Pentecost this Sunday, we definitely won't be letting this important milestone pass by without opportunities for real celebration!

Our first opportunity will be this Sunday during <u>Morning Prayer</u> (password: 413291) at 8:45 AM (I know, I know...it's early!!). We will be celebrating Pentecost, and we are thrilled to welcome our Bishop as preacher. Wear something red if you have it! At the end of the service, our Bishop will be blessing all our graduating seniors and their families. We hope that you will join us and let our faith community express all their love and pride for these exceptional young adults!

As you might have seen in an email from Kate, our second opportunity will be a special gathering honoring graduated hosted by the Diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries on Sunday, June 14th at 3:00 PM. We hope that you will mark your calendar to join us, and we will be sending out Zoom links closer to the date.

In this season, it seems like the lesson many of us are learning is how to focus on what matters most. This is certainly not an easy lesson, but like the disciples on Pentecost, there is real freedom in knowing what you really need can be found in the love of God and each other.





CATHEDRAL FOR KIDS LIVE ON ZOOM

We are back with our LIVE Cathedral for Kids service this Sunday, May 31st at 10:15 AM. You can access this service on Zoom by using this <u>link</u> (password: 222277). This week's gospel reading is <u>Acts 2:1-13</u>, which tells the story of how the Holy Spirit came to disciples and created the church.

As usual, we will be doing a love feast during this service, which is simply a fellowship meal similar to the meals Jesus shared with his disciples. For the love feast, you will need the following items:

- A story rug (can be anything...be creative)
- A small snack
- A drink for each member of your family
- A candle (placed a safe distance from your feast!)

We'll be sharing gratitudes on our story rug as well as the snack, reminding us of the holy fellowship we share with God and each other. And if you miss our live service, definitely use our Cathedral for Kids video, which can be found anytime <u>here</u>.

FAITH AT HOME ALL WEEK LONG

This week, I'm sending you a little something just for you (although your kids can definitely watch!). Children's faith formation expert Traci Smith shared this video, and I was reminded just how good this song is. It is an oldie-but-goodie from Cat Stevens called *The Wind* (you can access it <u>here</u> on Youtube). You've probably heard it before, but it is wonderful song for Pentecost, reminding us that where the wind of the Spirit blows is there is freedom (2 Corinthians 3:17-18). It is also a reminder that freedom comes with knowing the truth - of owning our mistakes and of relying on grace to never go back to those ways that cause us or others pain. I hope when you hear this song you will feel again the wonder of the gift of God's Spirit. I also hope that you will feel what the disciples experienced centuries ago: the gift of God's Spirit - the joy of freedom, the conviction of truth - is not just for our good, but for the good of the world.

As always, we're here for you, and keep doing hard things--

Blessings,

Mother Morgan



