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**Pentecost Year A, May 24th 2026**

**Presenter: Rev John Barr**

**Focus Reading: Acts 2:1-21**

**Message:** 8 minutes 30 seconds

"Pentecost Today"

### Discussion Starters

1. Do you think Pentecost has a particular meaning for today?
2. Recall an event when you have witnessed the Spirit bring people together.
3. As a Spirit-led community how do you deal with difference and diversity?
4. How can we heal the deep hurts of our fragmented world?

### Readings for this day

**Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b** All creatures are dependent upon God and are fed by God's hand, face, breath, and spirit: "When you let loose your breath, they are created" (v 30).

**1 Corinthians 12:3b-13** There are different spiritual gifts but the same Spirit" (v4). Paul describes the Spirit's ways of working in believers, stressing the Spirit's unity.

**John 20:19-23** On the evening of the resurrection, Christ appears to his disciples, apparently undeterred by their locked doors. He shows them his wounds, bids them peace, and breathes on them saying "Receive the Holy Spirit" (v22).

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### Intergenerational Message

"This is Who We Are"

**Rev John Barr** *Length:* 2 minutes 34 seconds

#### Precis of IM

The Uniting Church logo tells others of what we are called to, as a Christian Church. The cross of Jesus stands over the darkened world, the cross is the centre of our lives and the heart of our faith, the wings of flame take us back to Pentecost and symbolise the Holy Spirit, the dove is for peace and well-being and the uncomplete circle, still open to more 'uniting' and renewing of both the church and the world, is a continuing hope.

**Uniting in Worship (Blue Book).** **Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b** – pages 324-325

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