

# *Pastor's Message*

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## **Pentecost**

*Life-Givers*

May-June 2010

May and June celebrate life-givers.

In May, on Mothers' Day, we remember the woman who gave us life. And who kept us alive all her life and, in the memory of her, even after her death.

In June, on Fathers' Day, we remember the man who stood at our side in fidelity and care, the one who taught us about decency and sacrifice.

In June, we enter summer when Nature is filled with abundant life. Summer gives us the richness, the color, the diversity of life, astonishing us endlessly with how unconquerable life is.

In June, in a very special way, we remember Pentecost when God came to us as a Spirit in our hearts. God was not distant or a law-giver or a judge but a presence in us, bringing us to life and teaching us to love.

In Pentecost, God became our mother and our father, birthing us and sheltering us, not ending the sorrows or the storms of life but walking with us through them.

In Pentecost, God became the summer grace of abundance, the fulfillment of all the hope we had in winter and the early promise of spring.

In Pentecost, God made us feel loved and turned us in love to one another.

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