

A WORSHIP MINUTE...Sunday is Pentecost; the day in the church year when we celebrate God blessing the disciples with the Holy Spirit at the Jewish festival of Pentecost (see Acts 2):

- Similar to Acts 2, we have a dramatic example of the movement of the Holy Spirit in Ezekiel (chapter 37) with the valley of dry bones.
- And then in our passage from John's Gospel we have Jesus breathing the Holy Spirit into the disciples post resurrection.
- Part of what these passages remind us is that the Holy Spirit can come in various ways.
- Sometimes the Spirit comes dramatically, and other times it is far more calm and quiet.
- However it happens, the Holy Spirit comes powerfully and is a rich blessing.

Think of those times when you have felt or experienced the Holy Spirit.

- Were you alone, or were you with others ... or both?
- Was it quietly or dramatically ... or both?
- How did it end?
- Did the Spirit depart in the same way it arrived?
- Have you ever found yourself so thirsty for the Holy Spirit that you became impatient?
- What are the marks of the Spirit?

May God bless you as you consider these things and anything else God so chooses in preparation for worship this Sunday.