

# Pentecost: A Season of Gifts



## **Part I – A Gifts Inventory for the Worshipping Community**

As a preliminary gifts inventory for the broad congregation, distribute paper doves (like the one above) on the Sunday before Pentecost. During the sermon, ask each individual, including children and teenagers, to write one or more of their gifts on the dove. Give sufficient time and prompting during the sermon so that most everyone could understand can complete the project. Then, invite everyone to include their name on their dove, if they feel comfortable. The doves would be collected in the offering tray. During the week, record any information provided with a name. By Pentecost, which is the following Sunday, the doves would be hung throughout the sanctuary. They would be high enough so that no one could read anyone's name or particular gift. The Pentecost gathering would then focus on the gifts within our community and our gratitude to the Holy Spirit for enabling to do the work of ministry by entrusting us with these gifts.

## **Part II-- Gifts Inventory for Self-Identifiers**

Very quickly, follow-up with anyone who wrote their name on the dove. Provide several avenues for a discussion or revelation of gifts. Also, make available a more comprehensive gifts inventory both in paper and online as well as facilitate a series of small group discussions, giving anyone who prefers verbal communication an opportunity to participate in a conversational or storytelling environment. Based on each individual's participation in the small group, attempt either to complete a gifts inventory or ask them to work with a Team member to complete the form.