**Blackburn’s Chapel Home Worship**

**Week of 5/25/2020**

**Gathering prayer –** Holy One, ignite within us a fiery passion for your mission in the world today.

Make us wholly present to experience a new birth, and awaken possibilities within us to share your love in the world. In this love and abundance, we come to celebrate your harvest—a harvest bearing the first fruits of the Spirit within us. We pray this in the name of the Risen One, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

**Scripture – Numbers 11:24-30**

**Reflection**

1. The Holy Spirit has been present and active since the beginning of creation. In this passage, we read Moses standing up to people who would try and put boundaries around the work of God’s Spirit. How do we try and put boundaries up around God’s kingdom work today?
2. In this week leading up to Pentecost, where do you hope to see the Holy Spirit active and working in your life? In our community? Where would you be most surprised by the Spirit this week?

**Scripture – John 20:19-23**

**Reflection**

1. This passage is a precursor to the Pentecost event recorded in Acts. Jesus begins the encounter with the disciples by offering them peace. How do the peace of God and the work of the Holy Spirit intertwine as an expression of God’s kingdom? Do you hear Jesus’ offer of peace in your heart during these times?
2. Part of our receiving the Holy Spirit is responding to Jesus sending us out from wherever we are to do the work of the Father. God is sending all of us in new ways right now to join in the kingdom work around us. What does that sending forth look like for you? For our church?

**Worship in Song**

Rivers and Robots – “Shepherd of my Soul”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P4S8ne-xU0E>

**Closing prayer –**

Spirit of God, may we breathe in and hold your love within us. May we breathe out and share it with the world. Spirit of God, may we breathe in and hold your peace within us. May we breathe out and share it with the world. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.