

Questions for An Ever Changing Church

The concept that the Holy Spirit walks beside us presupposes that we are:

- *moving.*
- listening for the Voice of God
- aware of the work of the Holy Spirit
- attentive to what God would have us be about in the name of Jesus.

The pandemic and all the concerns around it have taken up much of our energy and time in the past year and a half – but now what? It is time to ask what God would have us be about in the coming new normal.

Our real questions surround our mission:

- **What is our mission as we move forward?**
- **What are the whispers of the Holy in our churches today?**
- **What is it that God wants us to pay attention to in our community?**
- **How can our eyes be opened to God's purposes for what is next?**

The pandemic says – close your eyes...you have enough to think about with all that is going on... – God says “open your eyes for what is next and listen to the Holy Spirit.” In John 16:13 we read: ¹³ *When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.* Declaring truth and speaking only what God tells the Spirit to speak – and importantly – declare to you the things that are to come.

- + **How do we experience the Holy Spirit? Are we listening?**
- + **How are we cultivating the time, space, and attention to the Holy Spirit that is needed to listen for the urgings of God?**
- + **What is the Spirit doing in our lives as followers of Jesus?**