

## A Weekly Worship Guide www.GrandBlancUMC.org

**Sunday, June 5, 2022** 



"Friends in Christ exercising love, hope and grace to enrich all lives."

## **Sermon Recap**

For centuries, the Christian church has found itself engaged in remarkable ministries of compassion, mercy, care and love. It has reflected the love of Christ in Spirit-led ways, no doubt! And yet, it has also been rife with division, discord, and Spirit-lacking moments of defining itself by what and who it is against rather than what it is for. What if we began, here and now, to build bigger tables instead of shrinking them and putting up barriers that do not reflect God's love? Bigger tables that invite and connect; bigger tables that are God's, not mine or yours. What would the world have to say about this mindboggling act of inclusion and Christian love?

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one

another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

Acts 2:1-8, 12-13

## **Applied to My Life:**

We all have tables where we live – of one form or another, at least.

| 1. | In a symbolic way, how can you make your table bigger? Who do you need to make space for at the table? Who have you left out?                                  |
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| 2. | Literally, how can you make a bigger table? What do you need to do to make this kind of space in your life? How do you think your invitation will be received? |
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