# Prayer for Times of Change: A New Way of Being Church

*The following might be used during times of being a church with new relationships, during other times of change, or for the Day of Pentecost.*

We have entered into a new way of being church.
At this Pentecost moment,
we are not alone:

God will reveal Creation’s dream,
**as we give thanks for whose we are.**(*Have a moment of silence to reflect on how we can affirm each other as beloved children of our Creator. This time could be augmented with a slideshow or appropriate music.*)

Christ will claim us as his own,
**as we declare who we are.**(*Have a moment of silence to reflect on how we can continue to declare our faith and identity as followers of Jesus. This time could be augmented with a slideshow or appropriate music.*)

God’s Spirit will pour out on us,
**as we anticipate who we will become.**(*Have a moment of silence to reflect and give thanks for whom we hope to become with the Spirit’s help and guidance. This time could be augmented with a slideshow or appropriate music.*)

At this Pentecost:

We take courage in the assurance of whose we are;
we affirm our call to be Christ’s disciples; and
we trust the Spirit to guide us through the challenging space between who we are and who we will be.

Surely, we are not alone.
**Thanks be to God.**

## Sending Forth

In this Pentecost moment,
let us give all thanks and glory to God,
**whose power working in us
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.**Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the church, and through the Spirit,
now and forever,
Amen.

## Pentecost Sparks: A Reflection on Making the Most of a New Space (June 9)

Possible object lesson: Use an example of collaboration and mutual support, such as a potluck, choir, or small band. Explore how a band works because many different people work together to create something bigger than what they would be able to do on their own.

* How do our gifts work together to build up Christ’s church?
* What is our unique part in the wider work of Christ?
* How can we affirm and support one another in our gifts for ministry?
* How do we inspire and empower all of us gathered to be the church?
* What resources do people need? How can we help to keep the fire burning?