

PANDEMIC PENTECOST AFFIRMATIONS

Amazing, impossible things happen.

Affirmations are used in corporate worship and personal devotion to remind us of what we believe about God. These words connect us and unite us in a shared understanding of what it means to be faithful at this moment -- and this pandemic has challenged many of us.

Here is an outline that you can use to affirm your faith in this pandemic season. Use this structure to support you in finding words. Don't feel that you have to answer every question nor should you feel that you have to fit tightly to this structure. A few simple sentences that articulate what you believe right now is enough.

WHAT I BELIEVE

- Where do you see God at work?
- Who is Christ Jesus to you?
- What is the Holy Spirit like?
- What words from holy scripture speak to your faith right now?
- What does it mean to be faithful?

WHAT THE CHURCH IS CALLED TO BE

- Who is the church?
- How does the church do its work?
- What is our purpose as the church?
- What happens in worship?
- What happens in our service?
- What happens in our shared fellowship?
- What does it mean to share what we have right now?
- Where is God in the work of the church?

WHY IT MATTERS

- How does our faith push the church forward?
- Do our beliefs challenge what the church could be?
- What struggles are we facing as the church right now?
- What dreams or visions do you have for the church?

If you get really stuck, read the Apostle's Creed, Nicene Creed or the Statement of Faith of your denomination for inspiration.

