## Meade Memorial Episcopal Church, Parish

## Mid-Week Bible Study – October 21, 2020

**Topic: The Spirit of Liberation Text**: Romans 8:17

**Introduction**: Today we move our attention to discussing the Spirit of Liberation. Pentecost originally was a period to commemorate the giving of the Law and a day of thanksgiving for a bounty harvest by the Jews. It is remarkable that God chose that day for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the in-gathering of the Church. In the singular event the significancy and effect of the Holy Spirit as the agent of liberation in the life of the church and Christians for ever and ever.

## **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. What is the effect of the Holy Spirit in the life of a Christian? Explain the experiences of the disciples on the Day of Pentecost. Joel 2:28; Acts 2:1-4.
- 2. Identify what the Holy Spirit does in the life a Christian? Romans 8:1-4; 14, 15, Romans 8:18-26
- 3. How is the Spirit explained in Romans 8: 6, 11?
- 4. What are your Spiritual obligations when the Spirit is lives in you? Romans 8:12, 13, 16, 17.

**Summary**: We ask for things from God in prayer. We praise and worship to show our gratitude for what He has done, and will do. In trial, Christians experience difficulties. By the Holy Spirit, we are liberated from fear. As the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Pentecost Day converted the fearful (discouraged) disciples into a vibrant praising, worship and preaching church, so will those who receive the empowerment and liberation of the Spirit. Go forth; to love and serve the Lord means, you are free. Go forth with a liberated Spirit into the world.

**Memory Verse**: "For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but the Spirit of Sonship and by Him we cry ABBA FATHER. (Roman 8:15).

(Prayer–The Spirit of Liberation)