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# About Pentecost 1 2022

With Wisdom, who was present in the first act of Creation and a witness to Creation's goodness, we enter the Season after Pentecost. Also known as Ordinary Time, this is the season in the church year when we consider what it means to pick up the mantle of discipleship and move forward, often reframing or redefining what it means to do ministry in today's world. The colour of the season is green, a sign and symbol of life and growth, and this longest season of the church year reminds us that growth may not be as fast as we might hope.

There is something precious about ordinary time. It is a chance to pause and catch our breath, to sit beside a peaceful flowing stream or river, or enjoy the sheer silence and new perspective from a mountaintop view and be renewed and refreshed. On a mountain, Elijah experiences God's presence and care, and from beside a river, he ascends to God. The river is the place where Elisha picks up the mantle of ministry and is the place where Naaman, the great warrior, experiences God's healing grace.

In stories of the prophets Elijah and Elisha, to stories of Jesus' boundary-breaking love and radical hospitality in the gospel of Luke, and records of faith heroes in the letter to the Hebrews, this season beckons us to explore what it means to be disciples in today's world where communities are rebuilding after a pandemic, addressing the climate crisis, and shining a light on racial injustice.



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