## Child-friendly Activities for Your Pentecost Worship Service Created by the Rev. Dr. Anita Stuart-Steva '04/'13

• Prior to Pentecost, find members of the congregation who speak different languages and ask them to participate in the Pentecost worship service by saying, on cue, "Jesus is Lord!" (or another phrase of your choosing) during service. Situate these people throughout the sanctuary on the day of the service.



- Cut up foot-long lengths ("tongues") of red ribbon or crepe paper, and give one to each child who enters the worship service.
- During the service, read aloud a child-friendly version of the Acts 2 passage or ad lib a paraphrase of it. When you read about the rushing wind (verse 2), have the children pat their laps or howl and say "SHHHH" to mimic the wind. Then, when the passage speaks of the Holy Spirit's coming as tongues (verse 3), have the children run around and touch people's shoulders with the ribbon or crepe paper. As people are touched by the children, have the folks who've been planted throughout the sanctuary stand, one by one, and say "Jesus is Lord!" (or your chosen phrase) in their language.