

## *Spirit Within*

### Artist's Statement

How powerfully God's spirit speaks in and through God's people!

I began this work signing the word *Spirit* in American Sign Language. Two hands begin at the body center with one spiraling and lifting above. The gesture is one of strength and hope. With color in hand, the movement then emerged as Pentecost flames, rising with power, bringing new life to places beyond.

This work, *Spirit Within*, is crafted as a prayer for the graduates on this day of Pentecost, that they may always know the gift of God's spirit singing within them, bold and strong, offering light and love to the many places they are called.

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