Stepping Stones Gathering – October 25, 2026
Please join Stepping Stones Gathering,
Sundays each week at 8:00 a.m. (Pacific time) on Zoom.
A Ministry of Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church and School. All are Welcome!

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Thanks to our volunteers this week:

- Katy and John will be the Stepping Stones Hosts
- Bertram, Shereen, and Naveen will be Call Managers

The readings for this Sunday follow.

- **Consider, "How does this reading speak to you in your life?"**
- **This week's readings are online:**
  - **Deuteronomy 34:1-12**
    Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
    1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
    Matthew 22:34-46
- **Next week's readings are:**
  - **Revelation 7:9-17**
    Psalm 34:1-10, 22
    1 John 3:1-3
    Matthew 5:1-12
- **Stepping Stones usually uses the weekly readings posted on Lectionarypage.net. We usually read only the Collect, Epistle, and Gospel during the Stepping Stones weekly call.**

The Collect
Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

The Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of

flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

The Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46
When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “’You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”’?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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