

**Stepping Stones Gathering – April 5, 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 (Katy will be calling in from Virginia)
- 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 (Palm Sunday) are online:
  - [Acts 10:34-43](#) or [Jeremiah 31:1-6](#)
  - [Colossians 3:1-4](#) or [Acts 10:34-43](#)
  - [John 20:1-18](#) or [Matthew 28:1-10](#)
  - [Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24](#)
- Next week's readings (Easter Sunday) are:
  - [Acts 2:14a,22-32](#)
  - [1 Peter 1:3-9](#)
  - [John 20:19-31](#)
  - [Psalm 16](#)
- 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 God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**The Epistle: Acts 10:34-43**

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to

all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

### **The Gospel: John 20:1-18**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

**Keep Coming Back, It Works!**