

**Stepping Stones Gathering – May 3, 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 calling in from Virginia this month)
- 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:**
  - [Acts 7:55-60](#)
  - [1 Peter 2:2-10](#)
  - [John 14:1-14](#)
  - [Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16](#)
- **Next week's readings are:**
  - [Acts 17:22-31](#)
  - [1 Peter 3:13-22](#)
  - [John 14:15-21](#)
  - [Psalm 66:7-18](#)
  - **Stepping Stones usually uses the weekly readings posted on [Lectionarypage.net](http://Lectionarypage.net). We usually read only the Collect, Epistle, and Gospel during the Stepping Stones weekly call.**

**The Collect**

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**The Epistle: 1 Peter 2:2-10**

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner", and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

### **The Gospel: John 14:1-14**

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

***Keep Coming Back, It Works!***