

**Stepping Stones Gathering – April 26, 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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These inmate call-in numbers have *not* changed

**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 2:42-47](#)
  - [1 Peter 2:19-25](#)
  - [John 10:1-10](#)
  - [Psalm 23](#)
- **Next week's readings are:**
  - [Acts 7:55-60](#)
  - [1 Peter 2:2-10](#)
  - [John 14:1-14](#)
  - [Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16](#)
- **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**

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**The Epistle: 1 Peter 2:19-25**

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his

wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

**The Gospel: John 10:1-10**

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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