

Stepping Stones Gathering – August 2, 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:**
 - [Genesis 32:22-31](#)
[Psalms 17:1-7, 16](#)
[Romans 9:1-5](#)
[Matthew 14:13-21](#)
- **Next week's readings are:**
 - [Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28](#)
[Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b](#)
[Romans 10:5-15](#)
[Matthew 14:22-33](#)
- **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

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Epistle: Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

The Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Keep Coming Back, It Works!