

Stepping Stones Gathering – September 21, 2025
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:
 - [Jeremiah 8:18-9:1](#)
 - [Psalms 79:1-9](#)
 - [1 Timothy 2:1-7](#)
 - [Luke 16:1-13](#)
 - Next week's readings are:
 - [Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15](#)
 - [Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16](#)
 - [1 Timothy 6:6-19](#)
 - [Luke 16:19-31](#)
- 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

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all -- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Keep Coming Back, It Works!