



MAY SUNDAY WORSHIP THEMES

May 7: Acts 7:55-60 John 14:1-14

Fifth Sunday of Easter and Communion Sunday

This week's readings challenge our commitment to Jesus' way as we think about the circumstances surrounding Stephen, the first martyr. Not many of us are called to the ultimate test of surrendering our lives, as Stephen did. Yet we are all called to trust God and listen to the hurting world around us with open hearts and minds.

May 14: 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21

Sixth Sunday of Easter and Mother's Day

People crave belonging. Social scientists frequently point out that a key aspect of our humanity, is a desperate need to feel connected with others. They also point out the many problems that can transpire when we do not feel like we belong. In Jesus' assurance that we'll never be abandoned, we find a tenderness to look differently at ourselves and one another.

May 21: Acts 1:6-14 John 17:1-11

Seventh Sunday of Easter and Combined Choirs - Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir, and Children's Choir

We may be familiar with Jesus' prayer, "that all may be one." Often, we take this to mean all churches, or all Christians, or all people. But we could apply the prayer to all of creation. The prayer of Jesus can be a springboard to explore our connectedness - in all its dimensions.

May 28: Acts 2:1-21 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Pentecost Sunday and Confirmation Sunday

This Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate God's life-giving spirit poured out abundantly on the community of disciples. Rich images of wind and fire frame the proclamation of God's power in words that all can understand. The Spirit's blessing extends community through diverse persons and gifts for the common good.