Stewardship Messages

May 2023

May 7, 2023

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

# "The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." 1 Peter 2:7

Sometimes it is easy to see the gifts that God has given to other people but we can't see our own gifts. And the opposite can be true. Other people may see our gifts but they cannot recognize their own. We are all called to use our gifts to build God's kingdom on Earth. Sometimes everyone needs some encouragement to recognize and use their gifts. Help others see their gifts – and ask for help to realize your own gifts.

#### May 14, 2023

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

#### "For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be the will of God, than for doing evil." 1 Peter 3:17

In today's busy and commercialized world, it can be difficult to do good and stand up for what is right. It may be easy to get caught up in the negative or not react or even "stand for" anything at all. It is important to remember that God has a plan for you – for good. It may be challenging to recognize that sometimes, but He will reveal it.

#### May 21, 2023 Seventh Sunday of Easter (The Ascension of the Lord)

# "... they know that everything you gave me is from You, because the words you gave me I have given to them..." John 17:7-8

Jesus states that everything about him was from God. For us, too, our very being and everything that we have are gifts from God. We are called to give them back generously. This is at the very heart of stewardship.

#### May 28, 2023

# Pentecost Sunday

#### "To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." 1 Corinthians 12:7

God has given all of us gifts and blessings. We must be open to receiving and acknowledging those gifts and knowing that we are called to give back to God by sharing and growing those gifts and blessings for the good of God's kingdom on Earth.