

Fairfield Bay United Methodist Church

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LECTIONARY READINGS

May 5
3rd Sunday of Easter
Native American Sunday
(Offering)

District Conference
@Batesville 1st UMC
3:00 p.m.

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)

Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

May 12

4th Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

May 19

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

May 26

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

John 14:23-29

The Best Gift

"But the king said to Aranuah, "No. I've got to buy it from you for a good price; I'm not going to offer GOD, my God, sacrifices that are no sacrifice. So David bought the threshing floor and the ox, paying out 50 shekels of silver."

-- 2 Samuel 24:24 (Message)

David showed in his life heart of a giver—"a man after God's own heart." He gave and gave, especially to God. When he wanted to give God freewill burnt offerings, he walked up out of the old city of Jerusalem to the top of the hill and approached Aranuah about buying his threshing floor near the crest. Aranuah offered to give to David everything for the offering—wood, oxen, and land. But David refused, "I'll not offer anything to the Lord that costs me nothing."

Giving the best and costliest is a principle, not just of creation, but of all existence. God gave us His best and most valuable when He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believeth in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Jesus gave His best and His most valuable when He gave His life for us.

Later this month, we honor those who died in service to our country—in service of us and our freedom. We honor their great gift to us. They gave their best—their very lives. Many others gave their mental and physical health. They all gave of their time and they all came home changed. Such sacrifice most of us can't imagine.

Few of us have been asked to give such a great, sacrificial gift.

This month, let's remember the great gifts of God and His Son and our war dead. And then let's remember when we're called to serve, to give meaningful gifts of ourselves. Maybe not—most likely not—the giving of our physical life, but let's give what we consider valuable instead of our scraps. When we give to God and when we give to others, let's give a meaningful gift.

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SPECIAL OFFERING

We will receive a special offering May 5, 2019, for Native American Sunday that directly supports Native American congregations and enable them to authentically minister with their communities while honoring creative expressions of culture and heritage. This offering also provides scholarships for Native American seminary students.

USHER SCHEDULE

Schedule for May:

5th: Bill Bain, Jim & Gail McKnight, Ken & Laurie Beckwith and Ken Gates

12th: Patsy Weidanz, Debra Lutz, Steve & Shirley Sutay, Neva Erickson and Chris Lang

19th: Brenda Smith, Kathy Williamson, Greg & Edie Calaway and Eric Jolly

26th: Linn & Ken Meseke, Rebecca & Jeff Jenkins and Henry & Charlene Burge

If you are interested in joining the usher team please call Linn Meseke at 884-6693. Anyone is welcome.

Liturgists for May: Deena McAllister, Mike McAllister, Marge Fleischer and Leonard Follmann.

Communion Servers: Jeff & Rebecca Jenkins and Neva Erickson

May Greeters: Mary Ann Roberts and Debra Lutz

Substitutes: Dixie Lee and Barbara McClary.

FELLOWSHIP TIME FOR MAY

The Members of the Spirit Group are responsible for fellowship time during the month of May.