

Home Time is Holy Time
week of May 9th

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: OUR FATHER'S HOUSE, & MOM'S TOO!



READINGS:

The Collect: O God, the good things you have prepared for us are wildly beyond our understanding. Pour love into our hearts, especially love for you. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



From Psalm 98:

Sing to the LORD a new song, * for he has done marvelous things...
Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands * lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, * the lands and those who dwell therein.
Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.

And two other readings, not from this Sunday, but brief!

[John 14: 1-4 - The Way, the Truth, the Life](#)
[1 Peter 2: 1- 6 - Jesus Is the Living Stone](#)

A PUPPET SHOW ABOUT
OUR FATHER'S HOUSE
<https://youtu.be/-lVlBkZu6k>



QUESTIONS TO PONDER (YOUNGERS):

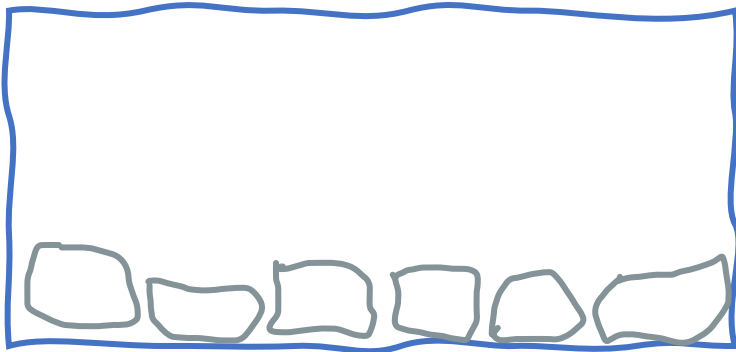
- ✿ Just imagine being a rock. What would you feel like? Look like? Where would you like to be?
- ✿ In your rockiness, how would you get around?
- ✿ So what are the really good things about being a rock?
- ✿ Do you have any of those good things about you?
- ✿ Has anyone taught you those things?

QUESTIONS TO PONDER (OLDERS):

- ✿ Do you have people who act as rocks for you in your life?
- ✿ Are you a rock for someone else?
- ✿ Do you need to have both the characteristics of a mother AND a father?
- ✿ Is there a difference?
- ✿ What are the spiritual stones that make you who you are?
- ✿ Are there any characteristics that you need to work on?

THINGS TO DO:

- ✿ *What kind of room do you think God has prepared for you in heaven? What would you like it to look like? Can you draw a picture here? Don't forget that your room is built on a foundation of rocks. Name the rocks that support your room:*



- ✿ *Watch another [Easter video with kids](#)*
- ✿ *And listen to a song about Our Father's House [because it's ... ELVIS!](#)*
- ✿ *Tell someone that **THEY** are your rock.* Find a nice rock. Perhaps you would like to decorate it like a mouse a snail or a rabbit. Maybe it would look nice with just some colors or flowers. Maybe you could wet it and polish it. Turn it over and write on it, "You Are My Rock". Leave it someplace where your special person can find it.
- ✿ *Or decorate a rock with [one of these great ideas](#)*

- ✿ *Carry a rock prayer every day in your pocket.* Think of someone who might need your prayers. Or if there is someone in your life for whom you are really thankful, you could make a rock for them, too! Find a small rock. Put their name on it, either in your imagination or with a marker. Carry the rock in your pocket all day. When you think about their name, think your "rock strength" to them. At bedtime, put it by your bed, or on a windowsill, or just in a nice place. Let God watch over them overnight.
- ✿ *Build a cairn.* A small pile of rocks is called a cairn, especially when it is left as a memorial or landmark. Perhaps you would like to build one of these. You could add a rock for each day that you are inside. Or you could build it of the rock prayers you have carried in your pocket this week. You could make it to balance – each rock could be something you really want to do, or are waiting for, or need to work on, or make a pile of all the people that you love!

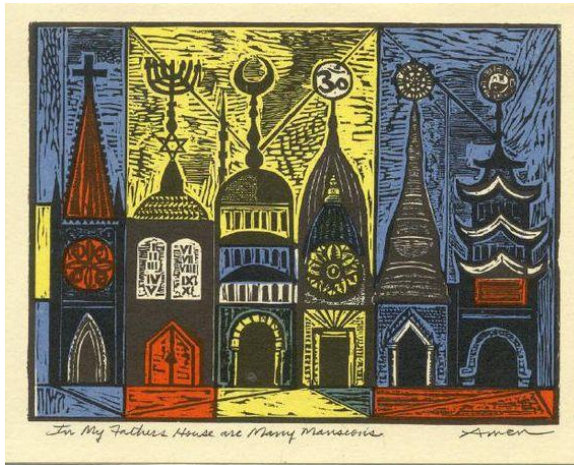


Frodo, the Cairn Terrier, loves this project!

✿ **Spend some time at the table:** Ask everyone at the table to share what they think is the most important thing they have learned from their father? Their mother? (Things like “don’t stick straws up your nose” don’t count!)

✿ **Play a Rock-Paper-Scissors grace at dinner this week.** If Rock wins, the winner must name a strength that they have or are working on. If Paper wins, the winner must name someone for whom they are praying or thankful. If Scissors wins, the winner may carve out a little extra helping from one of the foods on the table. (This would be a good game to play with dessert on the table!)

✿ **Tell a story with rocks – [here’s how](#)**



✿ **Sing a Song [about your father’s house](#)**

Then change the lyrics. Everyone can shout out their favorite add-in

It’s a big, big house, with lots and lots of _____

A big, big table with lots and lots of _____

A big, big yard where we can play _____.

✿ **Design a [scavenger hunt with sticks and stones](#)** that do not break your bones! If you wanted to make this part of your walk around the neighborhood, you could mark some stones with 10s or 20s to show more steps.

✿ **[Play Mancala](#):** If you don’t have a mancala board, you could use an egg carton and beans or small rocks or marbles, with a cup for each player’s winnings.

READ ALOUD BOOKS FOR YOUNGERS

✿ [Strega Nona](#), by Tomie dePaola

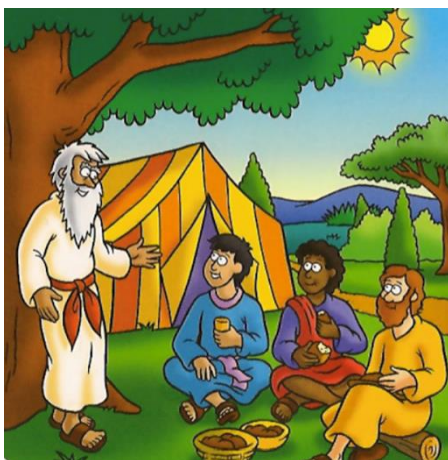
✿ [Stone Soup](#), by Marcia Brown

MOVIE:

✿ [I Remember Mama](#) (YouTube)

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

Heavenly Father, Let us always remember that while we are living, our hearts are also growing, filled with love for you. Help us to build our hearts both good and strong. Amen.



AND FOR OUR WYOMING FRIENDS: ABRAHAM, OUT OF ONE, MANY

What can we learn from this ancestor of Muslim, Christian, and Jewish traditions? What does his story tell us about living together in harmony? A special art exhibit is taking place in Wyoming! Abraham is the Father of us all! Check out this nifty workbook prepared for Wyoming:

https://issuu.com/caravanarts/docs/abraham_out_of_one_many

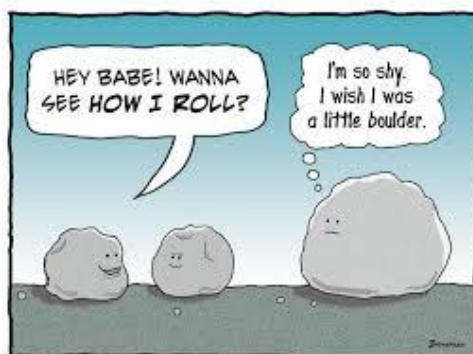
Have a great week! Stay healthy and take care of each other! Hugs, Nancy ✿

FINE ART TO ENJOY:



Fishing boats by Moonlight by William Holman Hunt, Private Collection

CARTOONS FOR IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE AND ALSO FOR MOM:

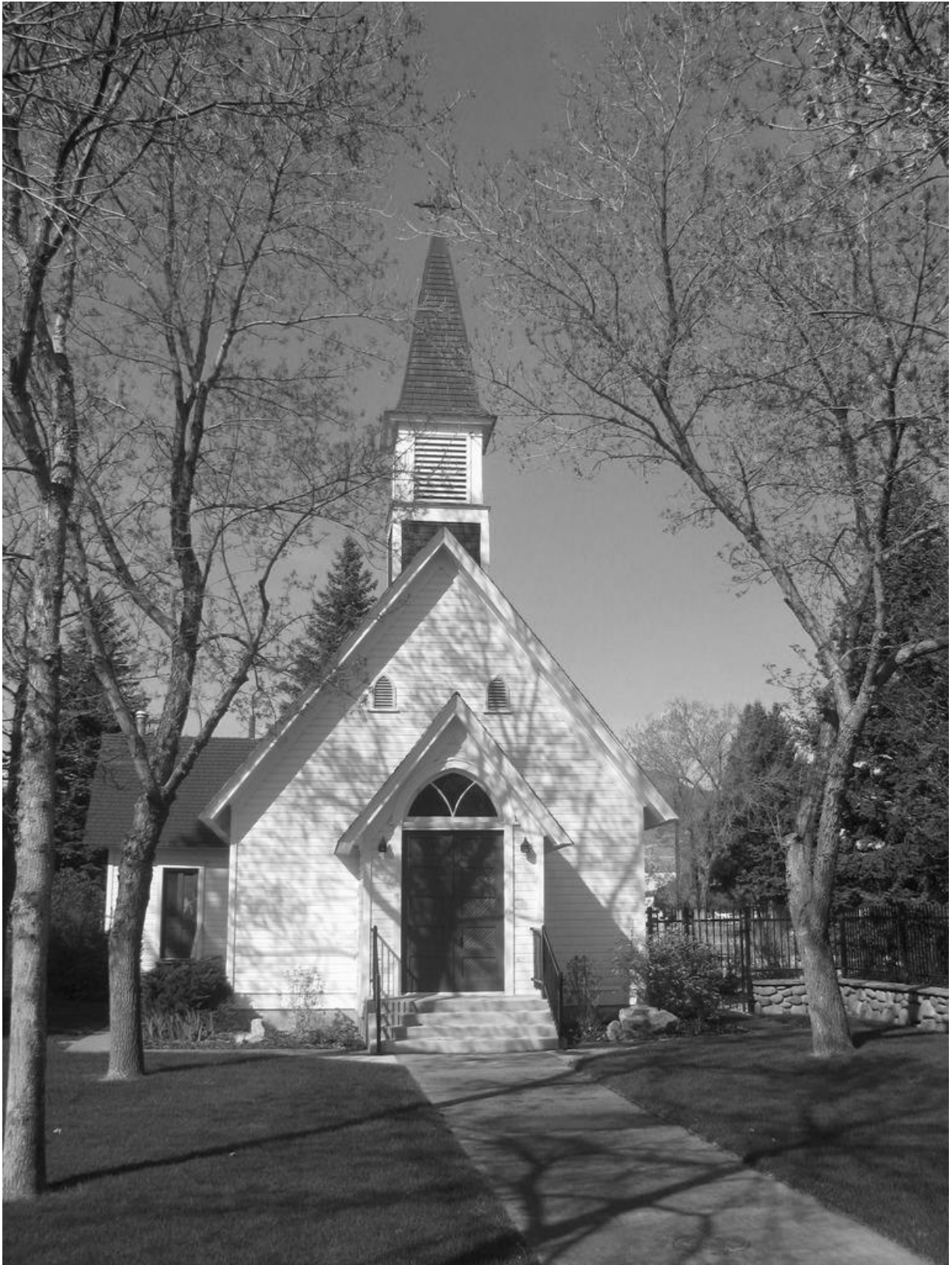


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