

Daily Morning Message
St Paul United Church of Christ
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Lectionary Readings

Psalm 101
1 Kings 8:1-21
Mark 8:14-21

Today's Scripture Verse:

Now the Lord has upheld the promise that he made; for I have risen in the place of my father David; I sit on the throne of Israel, as the Lord promised, and have built the house for the name of the Lord, the God of Israel. There I have provided a place for the ark, in which is the covenant of the Lord that he made with our ancestors when he brought them out of the land of Egypt. (1 Kings 8:20-21)

What it means:

These are words spoken by King Solomon, who has built the great temple in Jerusalem and placed within it the ark of the covenant which symbolizes the presence of God. Within the ark are the commandments given to Moses on Mt Sinai. It is significant that the presence of God is specifically symbolized by the covenant law that represents God's justice. Justice is central to the character of God, and God cannot be worshipped faithfully without reflecting upon how God's justice will be carried out by those who are in covenant with God.

Our time of reflection:

As we offer our prayers to God, let us remember that the covenant of justice is central to the divine character, and may our prayers reflect our commitment to this covenant that we share with all the people of the world.

