

Daily Morning Message
St Paul United Church of Christ
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Lectionary Readings *Psalm 11*
Isaiah 33:10-16
John 15:16-25

Today's Scripture Verse: *Those who walk righteously and speak uprightly, who despise the gain of oppression, who wave away a bribe instead of accepting it, who stop their ears from hearing of bloodshed and shut their eyes from looking on evil, they will live on the heights; their refuge will be the fortresses of rocks; their food will be supplied, their water assured. (Isaiah 33:15-16)*

What it means: Mostly this passage from the prophet Isaiah is a prophecy of judgment, expressing God's wrath against God's own people who have failed to live by the standards of justice. But suddenly, the prophecy turns to those who have lived righteously, and for them there is a word of praise and hope. Sometimes, in our eagerness to affirm God's forgiveness and mercy, we forget that the direct path to God's salvation is doing the good that God expects. God celebrates those who are fair in their dealings with others.

Our time of reflection: Holy God, you have shown us what is good. We pray that we may have the courage and compassion to live by your holy way.

