

Daily Morning Message

St Paul United Church of Christ

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Daily Lectionary Readings

Luke 1:46b-55

1 Samuel 1:19-28

Hebrews 8:1-13

Today's Scripture Verse:

*This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
(Hebrews 8:10)*

What it means:

A covenant is an agreement of trust between two parties. The word "testament" is a synonym for covenant, so the Hebrew Scriptures in our Bible are called the Old Covenant ("testament") and the Greek Scriptures of the Christian Church are called the New Covenant. So the two testaments are records of the two trustworthy agreements made by God with those faithful to God. The author of the Epistle to the Hebrews affirms both covenants, but says the second was needed, because it is not enough to know the law; it must be written within our very being. This, he claims, is what Jesus is able to do.

Our time of prayer:

God, you are always faithful in your promises to us. May we become so alive with the Spirit of your love within us that it becomes our nature to be faithful to you all our days

