

PSALM 115 (1-15)

LORD, not to us, O not to us—
to your name be the praise,
Because your love and faithfulness
endure, O LORD, always.

Why do the nations question us?
“Where is their God?” they say.
Our God inhabits heaven high
and over all holds sway.

Their gold and silver images
are crafted carefully,
But they have mouths which cannot speak,
and eyes which cannot see.

Their noses have no sense of smell;
their ears can hear no sound.
They have no feeling in their hands,
nor can they walk around.

Although these idols do have throats,
no word can they proclaim.
Their makers and their worshippers
will all become like them.

O house of Isr’el, place your trust
upon the LORD alone;
He is the mighty help and shield
of all who are his own.

O house of Aaron, trust the LORD;
he is their help and shield.
All you who fear him, trust the LORD;
he is your help and shield.

The LORD remembers Israel
and he will bless us all—
The house of Aaron and all those
who fear him, great and small.

May God the LORD make you increase—
both you and all your line.
May you be blessed by God, who makes
all things by his design.

Prayer *of adoration, confession, thanksgiving & supplication*

Scripture Reading: Acts 28:11-16

Sermon: “Mission Matters”

Prayer *of intercession*

HYMN: Guide me, O thou great Jehovah
Pilgrim though this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
Hold me with thy pow’rful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell’s Destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan’s side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.

Benediction: Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.