

November 15th Bulletin

Prelude

Announcements (will be on Facebook Live screen)

Call to Worship:

Pastor: Our soul waits for the Lord;

People: He is our help and shield.

Pastor: Our heart is glad in him,

People: Because we trust in his holy name.

Opening Hymn #77 *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*

Opening Prayer and Prayer of Confession

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried.

He descended into hell. The third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Scripture: Acts 16:13-15 NT page 136

Sermon: Men and Women of the Bible: Lydia

Time of Prayer (*Note: For now, we will not be asking for spoken joys and concerns. Please text them, send them by Facebook messenger, or leave them on the pulpit.*)

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil:

for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

Closing Hymn #43 *“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”*

Offering Reminder (*online giving is available at www.cedarvilleunited.org*)

Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Notes:

INTRODUCTION

- Larry Sarver: There are very few things in life that you can be absolutely certain about...here in the story of Lydia, we can see four sure truths about salvation.
 - We surely have to speak up about Jesus
 - God has to do the saving
 - New believers should take a stand for the Lord
 - All believers should serve the Lord

BACKGROUND OF PASSAGE

- Lydia was...
 - A seller of purple cloth
 - From Thyatira, known for its commerce
 - A worshiper of God
 - Baptized soon after her faith in Christ
 - Shared her faith with others or urged Paul to
 - A woman of hospitality

FOR US TODAY

1. God works with people whose hearts are open
2. It's not about numbers
3. How do we share the gospel in word or deed?

Opening Hymn #77 *“Praise to The Lord, the Almighty”*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again:
gladly forever adore him.

Closing Hymn #43 *“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”*

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours thro' him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.