

Scripture Dec 11 2022 – PCUCC

Hebrew Bible reading, adapted by Wilda C. Gafney, from *A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church*

Psalm 115: 9 – 15

Israel, trust in the Holy One of Old!

Their help and their shield is she.

House of Aaron, trust in the Holy One of Sinai!

Their help and their shield is she.

You who revere the Holy One, trust in the Holy One!

Their help and their shield is she.

The Faithful One remembers us; she will bless;

She will bless the house of Israel;

She will bless the house of Aaron.

She will bless those who revere God who is holy,

Both small and great.

May the Generous One add to, increase, you all,

Both you and your children.

May you all be blessed by the Ageless One,

Maker of the heavens and the earth.

Matthew 11:2-11

²When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” ⁴Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’ ¹¹Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.