

HAPPY THANKSGIVING NOVEMBER 21, 2021

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JUST A WORD FROM MS. SHANNON Shannon Murphy, *Assistant Director of Music/Organist*

Dear Children,

Have you ever prayed to God and said 'thank you for this day'? Let's think about that. Should we only say thank you for this day when it was a good day? What about the bad days? What about the days when someone was mean to you? What about the days when you felt angry, or lonely, or sad? What should we say to God then? Should we tell Him about all those things, or should we keep those inside?

God has actually given us an answer to these questions. He says 'count it all joy when you meet trials of various kinds' (James 1:2). So when we have a bad day, we are supposed to be joyful. How is that possible? Well, one way is to sing! Sing joyfully, even if you had a bad day or a bad week. Do you have a song about God that you love to sing? Sing it, or hum it, and use it to talk to God. By singing, we can enjoy the power, goodness, and patience of Jesus. He loves to hear us sing. He also works in our hearts while we're singing to encourage and cheer us up, and teach us the right way to think. So, singing is for the Lord, but it is also for us!

He also says 'do not be [worried] about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God'. Whenever you have something that you're worried about, this verse tells us to give thanks, and then to ask for God help.

It's easy to thank Him or sing to Him for all the good things, right? He gives you air to breathe, water to drink, food to eat, clothes to wear, sunshine on your face to brighten the day, and a church family that loves you. But you can also thank him for rainy days that are kind of yucky. You can thank him for your brother or sister who is annoying you. You can thank him when someone is mean to you. You can thank Him and ask Him to help you to say and do the right thing, or you could pray for that person and ask that the Lord teaches them and helps you to forgive them.

When you come to Thanksgiving day this week, you might think of turkey, football, our family, the parade, or other fun things. But one of the best things to do on Thanksgiving is to sing and thank God for all that He does for you, the good and the bad things. So, sing loudly this Thanksgiving, dear one, with all your heart!

Shannon





HAVE A HAPPY Thanksgiving

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Questions for Mom and Dad to use this week:

1. Read John **12**:**12**-**14**. What is the meaning of Hosanna? Talk about the meaning of the word and why the people were shouting it at Jesus.

2. Read Psalm 118:24-26. Talk about how the people would have known this passage from the Scriptures. Sing the chorus of hymn "This is the Day that the Lord Has Made:"

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made! I will rejoice, I will rejoice and be glad in it, glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made I will rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day, this is the day that the lord has made!

3.Read John 12:25. What does Jesus mean when He says "whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life?"

4. Read John 12:44-46. What does it mean that Jesus is Light?

5. We are called the light of the world too. Sing "This Little Light of Mine." How can you be the light of the world to those who are lost?

~SERMON ART~

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MEET OUR MISSIONARIES

Jim's parents actively supported missionaries throughout his growing up years, so it is not surprising that he became interested in missions when he was in college and attended an Urbana Missions Conference sponsored by Intervarsity Christian Fellowship. He began missions work in 1988 in the Middle East and Central Asia where he developed a focus on one particular Unreached People Group. They did not have the Bible in their own language until Jim and several others started working on it. Now after many years the whole Bible has been translated with the last few books in final review by linguistic experts to validate the work Jim and others have done. While printed Bibles are still in use, the internet has opened a whole range of possibilities for scripture dissemination which is especially useful for people living in scattered regions across several national borders and in countries which are officially closed to missionaries. Jim also writes songs in that language. Many of his songs are based on Psalms, which were originally written for people to sing and pray to God. Jim and Anna's children are David, Tikva and Essie.

MUSIC AND HYMNS

#642 "Be Thou My Vision"

The author of this hymn is asking Christ to be several things. The things he asks of the Lord are wonderful and they are things He promises to be to us. Why don't you ask Jesus to be those things to you too? He will! Pray to the Lord: Lord, be thou "my vision," "Lord of my heart," "my wisdom," "my true word," "my great Father," "my battle shield," "my dignity...my delight...my soul's shelter," "my inheritance," "my treasure," and "Heart of my own heart." Jesus longs for you to follow Him!

#389 "This Is the Day the Lord Has Made"

The Lord has made this day. Let us rejoice and be glad in it! What things do you have to rejoice about and be thankful for in this season of Thanksgiving?

> Whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. Philippians 3:7



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