



# Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

## Welcome to our Worship Service!

November 20, 2016

Message:-----

Henry Nissley

Offering:-----

Alms

SS Lesson:-----

Revelation 14

**Adult and Youth Verse:** And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God. Revelation 14:5

**Primary Verse:** The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works. Psalm 112:1

**Intermediate Verse:** By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. Hebrews 11:8

**Preschool Verse:** "The Lord is good to all" Psalm 145:9

**SS Lesson for next week:** Revelation 15

**Junior Verse:** Praise ye the Lord. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments. Psalm 112:1

**Adult and Youth Verse for next week:** Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest. Revelation 15:4

### CHILDREN'S CORNER

-Rainbow Lorikeet (Excerpt from Marvels of Creation: Breathtaking Birds) by Kay and Buddy Davis

The rainbow lorikeet is a medium-sized parrot that lives in northern and eastern Australia. The plumage of this bird is very bright and colorful. It has a red bill, blue head, bright green upper parts, red-gold breast band, and a blue belly.

The beak of the lorikeet is not raspy like other parrots but it does have a long, hair-tipped tongue that laps up nectar and pollen from blossoming flowers. It actually crushes the blossoms with its beak and laps up the juices with its tongue. It can be a pest when it descends upon an orchard. The orchard floor can be littered with crushed and fallen blossoms. It also feeds on fruit and sap.

These beautiful birds can be found in light woodlands and scrub areas but also can adapt quite well to large towns where they even visit garden feeders. They are not afraid of people and seem quite tame. At the Currumbin Bird Sanctuary in Queensland, rainbows come by the scores to be fed by hand. Each visitor gets to hold a tray of honey water that the lorikeets love. At about 4:30 in the afternoon, the lorikeets descend on the trays to eat. They walk all over the visitors' heads and arms to get to the tray. You can actually watch their tongues lap up the sweetened water.

Lorikeets usually move in flocks and are swift in flight, having a high pitched screech that is unmistakable. Roosting in camps or flocks, they screech and chatter until ready to go to sleep. -Kids Answers <http://www.answersingenesis.org/articles/kw/rainbow-lorikeet>

## Announcements:

- This Evening: Visitation is encouraged.
- Wednesday Evening: Prayer Meeting at 7:00 PM.
- No school Wednesday (the 23<sup>rd</sup>) – Friday (the 25<sup>th</sup>) School resumes Monday November 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Out of state correspondence this week by Sharon Nissley.

### ~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES~

November 24, Happy Anniversary! Elmer & Pauline Yoder, 1983  
November 26, Happy Anniversary! Robert & Rachel Martin, 1987

I've heard a lot of droopy prayers in my life. Hey, I've prayed a lot of them, too.

Prayers of desperation -- God, you've got to help me!

Prayers of self-pity -- God, things are so awful!

Prayers of resignation -- God, if you want to leave me unemployed, then I can't stop you!

But I'm learning how to pray a different kind of prayer -- prayer said with thanksgiving. I learned it from St. Paul who, writing from prison, taught me a most powerful lesson. He said,

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."1

Strange. Here he is suffering himself, yet he's telling me to pray with thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving is the seasoning that makes our prayers edible to God. After all, who wants to hear people whine all the time? I've learned that you can't whine and give thanks in the same breath. Self-pity and thankfulness don't mix any better than oil and water.

In fact, mixing thanks with prayer

somehow changes it. When we remember what God has done for us in the past and think about who he is in the present -- and express that in thankfulness -- our prayers become more gentle, more trusting somehow. Thankful prayers are offered with faith. And faith is an essential ingredient for prayers that God chooses to answer.

We remember the Pilgrims on Thanksgiving Day, not so much for their turkey dinner, but for the sheer faith that inspired them to give thanks in a year that saw nearly half their number die of sickness. Yet they prayed with thanksgiving.

When your annual day of feasting is over, you may bemoan your extra helpings of dressing, mashed potatoes, and pumpkin pie. But if you can hang on to the "thanks" part of Thanksgiving, you'll be a different person. Because when you learn to talk to God about your needs -- mixed with a healthy dose of heartfelt thanks -- then you have crossed the divide from whining at God to real prayer.

Happy thanks-giving!  
[http://www.joyfulheart.com/thanksgiving/pray\\_tnx.htm](http://www.joyfulheart.com/thanksgiving/pray_tnx.htm)