

From Jenn Warnock, Lay Minister

"Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise,

Give thanks to him and praise His name. For the Lord is good, His love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations." Psalm 100 vs. 4-6

Several years ago, I heard a sermon on the topic of Thanksliving...

The pastor challenged the congregation to extend the attitude of gratitude we have around our Thanksgiving holiday to an everyday attitude of Thanksliving. What a challenge that is! It includes our being mindful, and being intentional. Thanksliving is a practice in which we actively look for places and things in our lives to give thanks to God for. Once we get started, there are so many things to be thankful for...and once we get started, we set in place a habit of gratitude, rather than grouchitude!

When I was a child, we sang a song in children's church, "We've Got So Much". The lyrics went, "we've got so much so much so much so much so much so much so much so much so much so much so much so much (BIG CLAP) to be thankful for!" It was such a popular song among the youth and children, that for a while the whole congregation sang it during worship. Along with you, at this time of year, I am thankful. Every day I say thanks to God for the privilege to serve with you at Hope and St. Paul's. And, I would like to say a special thanks to all of you for your welcome and support in this past year...it is hard to believe, but last November is when I first met some of you in an interview for lay minister! God is so good, and we have so much, so much, so much to be thankful for! Happy Thanksgiving , and God's blessings on all of you and your families!

In Christ Alone,

Jenn