

SUMMER...TIME TO REFLECT!

A 10-MINUTE DEVOTION FOR KIDS
FROM FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
IN WINCHESTER, UCC

READ THIS...

Isaiah (55:12) wrote:

For you shall
go out in joy,
And be led back
in peace;
the mountains
and the hills
before you
shall burst into song
and all the trees of the
field shall clap their
hands.



REFLECT ON THIS...

- GOING OUT, GOING OUTSIDE BRINGS JOY. SOMETIMES EVEN IF IT IS RAINING OR VERY HOT, IT IS GOOD TO FEEL THE EARTH UNDER YOUR FEET. IT IS GOOD TO REMEMBER THAT GOD CREATED THE EARTH AND US.
- MOUNTAINS AND HILLS DON'T ACTUALLY SING - AS FAR AS WE KNOW. BUT SOMETIMES WHEN WE FIRST SEE MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAINS OUR HEARTS SING.
- TREES ARE AMAZING GIFTS FROM GOD. THEY PROTECT US FROM HARSH SUN, THEIR BRANCHES CAN SEEM LIKE THEY ARE CLAPPING WHEN IT IS WINDY. JEREMIAH SAYS THAT THOSE WHO TRUST GOD ARE LIKE TREES BY A RIVER THAT GET NOURISHMENT FROM THE EARTH AND WATER FROM THE RIVER.

WONDER ABOUT THIS...

- WHAT IF THE TREES, AND MOUNTAINS, AND HILLS AROUND US ARE SINGING AND CLAPPING AND WE JUST DON'T KNOW IT? DO YOU FEEL THEM CLAPPING? WHAT IS GOD TELLING US WITH SINGING MOUNTAINS AND CLAPPING TREES?
- HOW DO WE SHOW GOD THE SAME KIND OF JOY IN RETURN?

PRAY LIKE THIS...

DEAR JESUS, YOU PROTECT AND SHIELD US LIKE TREES AND HILLS DO. YOU PROTECT AND COMFORT OUR FAMILIES AND OUR FRIENDS. EVEN WHEN WE ARE SAD OR SCARED, WE CAN TURN TO YOU; WE CAN REMIND OURSELVES THAT YOU ARE ALWAYS WITH US. BE WITH THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE SICK, THOSE WHO ARE IN UNSAFE PLACES, THOSE WHO ARE LONELY. HELP US TO BE KIND AND CARING TO OTHERS. THANK YOU FOR ALL THE BEAUTY AND JOY OF NATURE. WE SING AND CLAP YOUR PRAISES. AMEN.