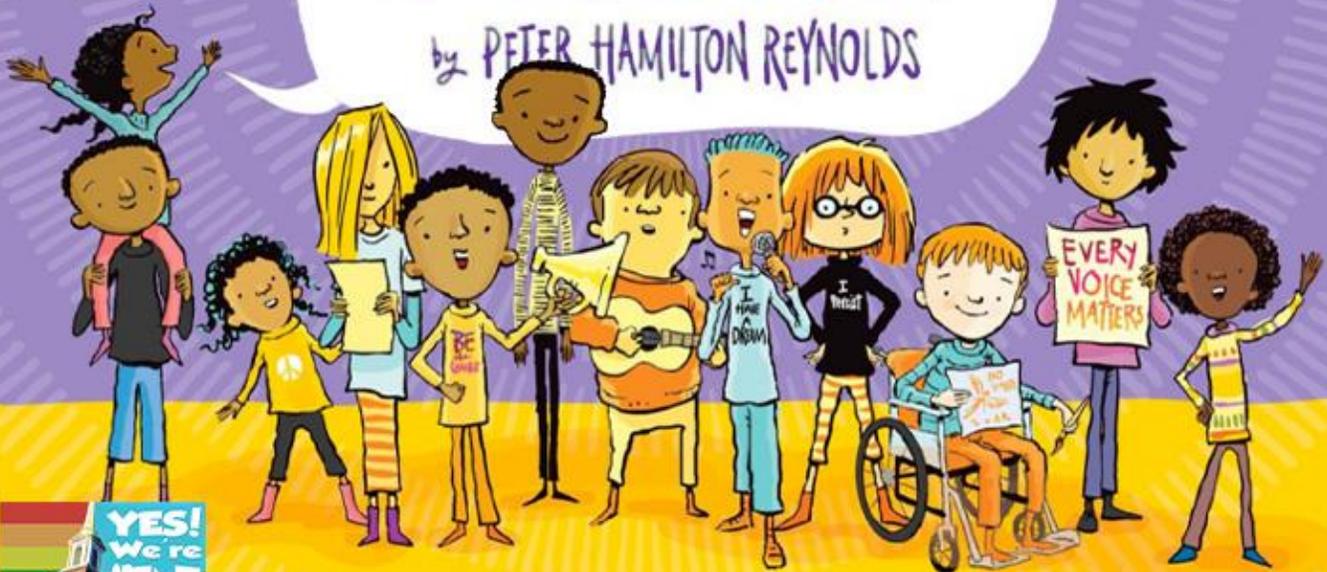


An Intergenerational Storytime Sermon Event

# SAY SOMETHING!

by PETER HAMILTON REYNOLDS



**5/8 @ 10am, LIVE! On-Site & Online**  
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**PRELUDE**      *Variations from Organ Concerto Op. 1, No. 1* by G.F. Handel      Valerie Becker, organ

**WELCOME**      Rev. John MacIver Gage & Rev. Maddie Foster

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Children of God, welcome!

**Many: We come together to show our love for God.**

One: Children of God, you are loved!

**Many: We come together to show our love for the people of this church and the world,  
and to do the work of the church together.**

One: Children of God, welcome! You are loved!

**Many: We know that we are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.**

*All: Let us worship God together in spirit and in truth, in word and in deed.*

**HYMN**      *Jesus Loves Me, This I Know* (see below)

**SERMON & REFLECTION**      “Say Something!” by Peter Hamilton Reynolds

**HYMN**      *They’ll Know We Are Christians* (see below)

**SHARING OUR PRAYERS** (“O God, hear our prayer”)

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** (using these or whichever words are closest to your own heart)

**Our Father in heaven, holy is your name. Your reign come, your will be done, on earth  
as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive  
those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For  
yours is the kin-dom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**ANTHEM**      *O Love*, by G. Matheson (1882), arr. Elaine Hagenberg      Chancel Choir

*O love, that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee.*

*I give the back the life I owe, that in thy ocean depths its flow shall richer, fuller be.*

*O Joy that seeks me through the pain, I cannot close my heart to thee.*

*I trace the rainbow through the rain and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.*

**OPPORTUNITIES TO BE PART OF THE GOOD NEWS**

**SINGING OUR THANKS & PRAISE**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise God, all creatures here below!**

**Praise God above, you heavenly hosts—Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!**

**CHARGE & BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**



**REGISTER NOW!**

## Family Promise Metrowest Walk to End Homelessness

Natick-based Family Promise Metrowest (FPM) runs four programs which provide a continuum of support to families in varying stages of housing insecurity. Our Church is a support congregation for the Shelter Program. A major source of funding for FPM is the annual Walk. This year the *Walk to End Homelessness* will take place wherever participants choose to walk over the weekend of May 14-15. Our Church is teaming up with Temple Beth Shalom and Carter Methodist Church to offer an Interfaith walk to anyone interested in walking on Saturday, 5/14 from 9:30-11am. We will walk from the Congregational Church up Highland Avenue past Carter to TBS, where we will cross

Highland and return to the start. Participants are welcome to walk what is comfortable for them and turn back and return to the Congregational Church at any point along the route.

**Please grab your sneakers and register to walk** with the *Congregational Church of Needham - Interfaith Walkers team*. The fee is \$35 for adults (\$20 for children over 5 & \$100 for family of 5). To register, go to:

<https://familypromisemetrowest.salsalabs.org/walktoendhomelessness/index.html>, then find our team

(*Congregational Church of Needham - Interfaith Walkers*) and select the option for *Join the Team*. Any questions, email Vance Fernandez at [vancefernandez@hotmail.com](mailto:vancefernandez@hotmail.com)



## Guatemala "Farm-a-Thon" Fundraiser

**Saturday, 5/14 @ 9am--Noon**

The Guatemala Partnership is seeking your support, either as a volunteer worker or a financial sponsor, for its community-service 'Farm-a-Thon' event at the Natick Community Organic Farm. This collaborative event includes volunteers from both our Needham church and the First Church Natick (UCC). A joint group of about 15 volunteers will raise funds to support education and development in Santa María Tzejá, while contributing our labor to benefit the Natick Community Organic Farm. As we enter spring, this is a great way to celebrate both our earth and our friends by thinking globally and acting locally! To volunteer at this event, contact Brenda Metzler at [bmetzler7@verizon.net](mailto:bmetzler7@verizon.net). To donate to the Needham team, please: 1) Send in a check payable to the Congregational Church of Needham, memo: "Guatemala Farm-a-thon"; or 2) Donate online via PayPal at [www.NeedhamUCC.org](http://www.NeedhamUCC.org); select Guatemala Farm-a-thon" from the drop-down menus.



## The Flea Marche Needs Your "Timeless Treasures"!

We will have some tables where we sell the best of the best—jewelry, knick-knacks, gifts that could be regifted, artwork, things like that. Please donate **ONLY** items that you would give as a treasure to a friend. We must be picky due to limited space. We also want your gently used children's items: bikes, skates, complete puzzles and board games. Baby items in nice shape are guaranteed hot sellers. For more info and for details about transporting items to church, contact Diana Conroy at [conroyjd@rcn.com](mailto:conroyjd@rcn.com).

## From the Ministerial Review Team: Update & Invitation

Members and friends of the church are invited to take part in the Ministerial Review for 2021-22 by filling out an **online survey**. The link for the survey will be in the weekly church email on **Friday, 5/13 and will be due back by 5/22**. If you are not able to complete the survey online, you may contact the church office to request that one be mailed to you. As part of the review process, Rev. John and Rev. Maddie have each selected 10 people to take the survey. The MRT has selected additional people to complement those to create a representative cross-section of the congregation. **If you are asked directly to complete the survey, your participation is essential.**

**The rest of the congregation is no less important to this process.** We are counting on you to fill out the survey because you care about the ministers and our church. Names will be required on the completed surveys, but will be known only to the Ministerial Review Team. We hope that you will participate in this important process, designed to foster openness, growth, and clarity of vision as well as to strengthen the bonds of the congregation.

Thanks and blessings, The Ministerial Review Team: *Kathie Carpenter*, Board of Deacons and MRT Chair; *Susan Lively*, Board of Directors; *Judith Stewart*, Moderator, Board of Directors; *Katie Wolf*, Board of Deacons

## Jesus Loves Me, This I Know

Je - sus loves me, this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.  
 Je - sus loves you just like me, though we live quite dif-frent-ly.  
 Je - sus lovethem, as they are - neigh-bors, stran - gers, near and far,  
 Je - sus loves us, you and me, us and them, all e - qual-ly.

Lit - tle ones to him be - long. They are weak, but he is strong.  
 Dif-frent lives, but the same love comes to all from God a - bove.  
 oth - er cul - tures, faiths, and views - loves them all and does-n't choose.  
 Big or lit - tle, weak or strong, in God's fam' - ly all be - long.

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!  
 Yes, Je - sus loves you! Yes, Je - sus loves you!  
 Yes, Je - sus loves them! Yes, Je - sus loves them!  
 Yes, Je - sus loves us! Yes, Je - sus loves us!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.  
 Yes, Je - sus loves you! The Bi - ble tells us so.  
 Yes, Je - sus loves them! The Bi - ble tells us so.  
 Yes, Je - sus loves us! The Bi - ble tells us so.

# They'll Know We Are Christians

We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,  
We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,  
We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,

we are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord.  
we will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,  
we will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
and we'll guard eachone's dig - ni - ty, and save\_ each one's pride:

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

love, yes, they'll know\_ we are Chris-tians by our love.