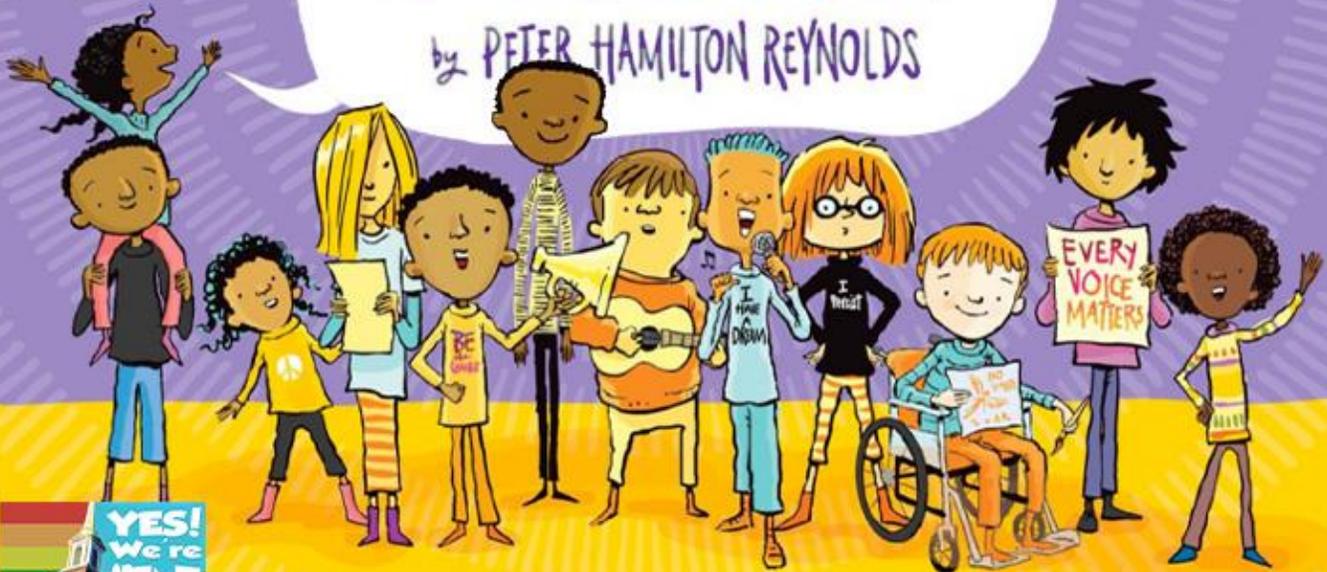


An Intergenerational Storytime Sermon Event

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 H. 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**



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. 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; 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.

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

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves you just like me, though we live quite differently.
Different lives, but the same love comes to all from God above.

Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you!
Yes, Jesus loves you! The Bible tells us so.

Jesus loves them as they are—neighbors, strangers, near and far,
other cultures, faiths and views—loves them all and doesn't choose.

Yes, Jesus loves them! Yes, Jesus loves them!
Yes, Jesus loves them! The Bible tells us so.

Jesus loves us, you and me, us and them, all equally.
Big or little, weak or strong, in God's family all belong.

Yes, Jesus loves us! Yes, Jesus loves us!
Yes, Jesus loves us! The Bible tells us so.

They'll Know We Are Christians

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

*And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
And together will spread the word that God is in our land.

*And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.

*And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*