

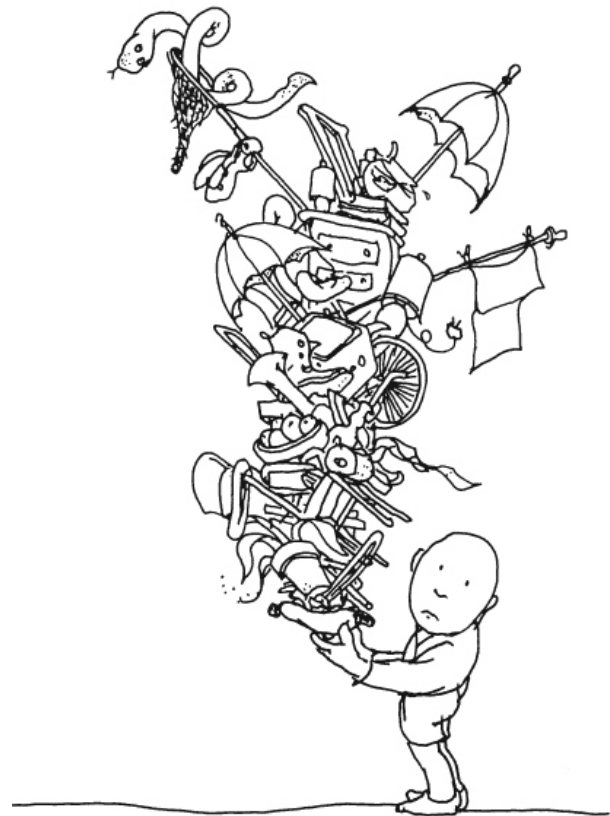
Leader's Bulletin



*The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day
Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ
May 8, 2022*

EVERY THING ON IT

I asked for a hot dog
With *everything* on it,
And that was my big mistake,
'Cause it came with a parrot,
A bee in a bonnet,
A wristwatch, a wrench, and a rake.
It came with a goldfish,
A flag, and a fiddle,
A frog, and a front porch swing,
And a mouse in a mask—
That's the last time I ask
For a hot dog with *everything*.



Roald Dahl

Thank you day to all the Moms who often gave us more than we asked for!

Sue Lanchantin and Gail Acker The Bell is Rung

Sean Prelude "Here Comes the Sun"
Words and Music by George Harrison

Randolf Call to Worship

Please rise or remain seated, as you wish and join me in this morning's "Call to Worship" from Revelation 7:9 ff.

After that, I (John) saw before me an immense crowd without number, from every nation, tribe, people and language. They stood in front of the throne and the Lamb, dressed in long white robes and holding palm branches. And they cried out in a loud voice:

"Amen! Praise and glory and worship and thanksgiving and honor and power and strength be to our God forever and ever! Amen!"

One asked an Elder, "These people in white robes—who are they, and where do they come from?"

The Elder replied, "These are the ones who will be sheltered forever. Never again will they be hungry or thirsty; the sun and its scorching heat will never beat down on them. God will guide them to the springs of the water of life wiping away every tear from their eyes."

Friends, welcome to this place where the God we seek in the ways we know God—guides us to the water of life in all its mysteries. Come, join in song, as we sing our opening hymn:

Hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You" NCH #4, vs. 1, 2, 3

Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of Glory, God of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the storms of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All your works with joy surround you, earth and heaven reflect your rays,
Stars and angels sing around you, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowering meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, teach us what our praise should be.

You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing ever blessed,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Loving Spirit, Mother, Father, all who love belong to you;
Teach us how to love each other, by that love our joy renew.

Randolf Unison Prayer

*Please be seated and join us in reading this morning's Unison Prayer, taken from
"A Joy Practice" in The Book of Joy, written by The Dalai Lama and Archbishop
Tutu.*

Place your hand on your heart.
Have compassion for yourself
and how you may be struggling.
Remember it takes time to grow and to learn.
Suffering is inevitable.
It is the fabric of life.
There are going to be frustrations in any life.
The goal is to use them as something positive.
Feel the light of loving-kindness
shining from your heart throughout your body.
Now send compassion to your loved ones,
To anyone you are struggling with.

And be still for a moment...

Randolf Assurance of God's Love & Abundant Grace

*Friend's we are assured of God's love simply by remembering its presence and
embracing its inexhaustible eternal presence...*

Please rise....

Randolf Passing of the Peace
With this and more in mind...
May the Peace of the Risen Christ be with you!
And also with you!
Let us offer one another a sign of peace!

Friends, please be seated.

Sean & Chancel Choir Musical Praise "Simple Gifts" Traditional
Arranged by John Coates

Randolf Joys and Concerns
Friends, we now invite you to share your Joys and Concerns. Please wait for Ray, who will listen for your prayers and repeat them for all to hear.

Randolf
Please remain seated and join me in praying The Prayer of Jesus from the New Zealand Anglican Prayer Book

The Prayer of Jesus from The New Zealand Anglican Prayer Book

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father, Mother, Guardian of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.



Now in Joppa, there was a disciple, a woman named Tabitha—“Dorcas,” in Greek—who never tired of doing kind things or giving to charity. About this time she grew ill and died. They washed her body and laid her out in an upstairs room.

Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples sent two couriers to Peter with the urgent request, “Please come over to us without delay.” Peter set out with them as they asked.

Upon his arrival, they took him upstairs to the room. All the townswomen who had been widowed stood beside him weeping and showed him the various garments Dorcas had made when she was still with them.

Peter first made everyone go outside, then knelt down and prayed. Turning to the body, he said, “Tabitha, stand up.” She opened her eyes, then looked at Peter and sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her to her feet. The next thing he did was to call in those who were believers—including the widows—to show them that she was alive.

This became known all over Joppa and, because of it, many came to believe in Jesus Christ. Peter remained a while in Joppa, staying with Simon, a leather tanner.

Sean & Chancel Choir Musical Praise "River in Judea"
Music by Jack Feldman
Words by Linda Marcus
Arranged by John Leavitt

Liturgist waits for the choir to be seated before beginning the reading

Randolf Gospel Reading: John 10:22-30

Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in Abba's name testify about me, but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Abba, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Abba's hand. I and Abba are one."

Ray *Provocation*

Sean Hymn "Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life"
New Centruy Hymnal #331

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
such a way as gives us breath;
Such a truth as ends all strife;
such a life as conquers death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength;
such a light as shows a feast;
Such a feast as mends in length;
such a strength as makes a guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart;
such a joy as none can move;
Such a love as none can part;
such a heart as joys in love.

Sean Receiving of Offerings and Doxology

Ray Benediction and Church Covenant

In response to God's love, we covenant with each other
to be faithful to the demands and inspiration of the eternal spirit,
revealed in the event of Jesus Christ;
to accept and respect each other with love and concern
in our worship and witness;
to reach out with the courage of our convictions in the cause of
justice, liberation and equality for all;
In this, we covenant to keep the ultimate promise;
"I care, I am with you."

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Sean Postlude "Ashokan Farewell" by Jay Ungar



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For more than a century and a half, Sayville's Congregational Church has served families on the South Shore of Long Island and has been a voice for the progressive Protestant tradition. A member of the United Church of Christ since it was established in 1957, today we continue to celebrate God's love, to advocate and act for the oppressed, and to welcome all those on their spiritual journey, from wherever they may come. Thank you for joining us. Please contact us at any time for more information about our congregation or with any questions you may have for us.

Thank you!

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Peace. Shalom. Salaam. For the ways of peace are many. "Namaste"