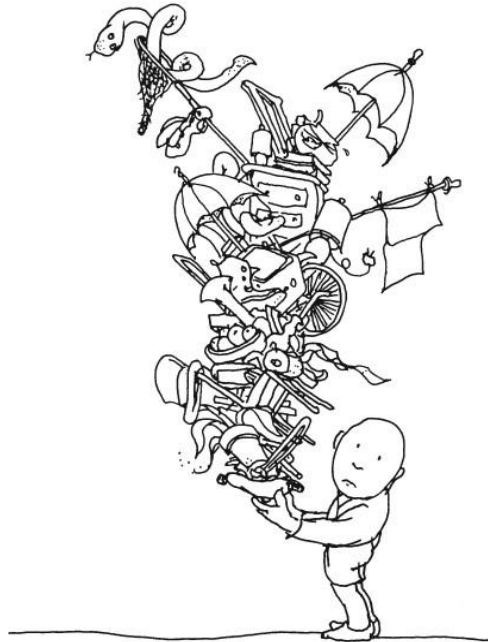




The Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Mother's Day  
Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ  
May 11, 2025

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*.



Shel Silverstein

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

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Welcome

Ring the Bell

Prelude      Prelude for Organ, No. 73 by C. H. Rinck

*Please rise or remain seated, as you wish.*

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."

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.

*Please be seated and join us in reading this morning's:*

Unison Prayer 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...*

Assurance of God's Love and Pastoral Prayer

*Friends, please rise if you wish.*

## Passing of the Peace

Filled with this joy of togetherness, we share the Peace of Jesus Christ; may it find its way into the hearts of all around the world... Friends, with this in our hearts...

May the Peace of the Risen Christ be with you!  
**And also with you!**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace!

*Please be seated.*

The Chancel Choir "All Who Believe" Words and Music by  
Trilby Jordan and Lloyd Larson

## Joys, Celebrations and Concerns

Friends, we now invite you to share your Joys, Celebrations and Concerns. Please wait for the microphone and respond with:

**"God, hear our prayers."**

## The Prayer of Jesus – "The Lord's Prayer"

Creator God who is in heaven  
Hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory forever, Amen.

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.

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 9:1-16

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.

The Chancel Choir                      "Members, One of Another"  
Words and Music by Hank Beebe

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."

Message                                      "Compassion"                                      Rev. Becky West

Invitation to Give

We welcome your offerings at this time and invite you to place your prayer and information cards in the plate as we sing our Church Covenant.

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."

*Today we will bless our own selves, showing compassion  
just as we do for others.*

*Barbara de Souza, Brazil*

*Touch your eyes with your hands and say,  
**Bless my eyes that I may see clearly.***

*Touch your mouth with your hands and say,  
**Bless my mouth which breaks the silence of centuries  
and speaks now my truth.***

*Touch your ears with your hands and say,  
**Bless my ears that I might hear my own words,  
thoughts, and feelings  
and those of every person near me.***

*Touch your heart with your hands and say,  
**Bless my heart that I will be  
open to friendship and love.***

*Touch your feet with your hands and say,  
**Bless my feet to that I might travel each step firmly and with  
courage during my life's path.***

*Touch your sisters and brothers who are near to you and say,  
**Bless me, too, and my sisters and brothers.**  
**Amen***

Choral Blessing

"All Who Believe"

Words and Music by

Trilby Jordan and Lloyd Larson

Ringling of the Bell

Postlude

"Be Kind To Your Parents" from *Fanny*

Words and Music by Harold Rome



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Please contact us at any time for more information about our congregation or with any questions you may have for us.

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

"Namaste"