



## I Don't Understand You

June 4, 2023

Story Tent Sunday

*If only we fought just as hard to understand as we do to disagree.*

- Anonymous

**PRELUDE** – *Concerto in G Major, Mov. IV* - G. P. Telemann  
Felix Baer, viola

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP\*\***

One: They gathered in quiet...

**All: And then the wind picked up,**

One: And their hair got ruffled,

**All: And the Spirit, like little flames, danced above their heads,**

One: And they all started talking in all sorts of languages.

**All: It was loud and strange,**

One: It was not quiet or peaceful, but –

**All: In the midst of confusion, they knew that God was behind it all.**

One: God is here, too; let us worship God!

*\*Please rise, on your feet or in your hearts.*

**RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS\*\***

One: Sometimes we are like those disciples so long ago:

**All: Huddled in fear of what others will think,  
Of what others will do,  
Of what God will do.**

One: Sometimes we are like passive bystanders:

**All: Making fun of what we do not understand,  
Tearing down what is sacred to another,  
Not even trying to understand.**

One: Always God is with us:

**All: Nudging us like a gentle breeze,  
Stirring us with flames of hope,  
Opening our ears to one another.**

One: In silent prayer, let us offer God our confession and our hope.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

We invite you to join in a practice of the ancient church by greeting those around you, saying or signaling, “Peace” or “The peace of Christ be with you.”

**SUNG RESPONSE – *Let it Shine* – Hamm**

**Let it shine, let it shine, the light of the world that shows the way.  
Let it shine, let it shine, and show us peace today.**

**SCRIPTURE – Acts 2:1–12 – Jennifer Rawson**

**STORY TENT – *I Don’t Understand You* – The Saugatuck Players**

**ANTHEM – *This Little Light* - Matt. 5:14-16/African-American spiritual,  
arr. by Radford**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**MUSICAL RESPONSE – *Every Time I Feel the Spirit***

**Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.  
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.**

## **INVITATION TO OFFERING**

To make a secure online contribution to Saugatuck Church, text the word “give” to: **860-200-0103**. *Thank you!*

## **MUSICAL INTERLUDE**

## **CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION**

### **Gathering Words**

### **Prayer of Preparation**

**The Lord’s Prayer** (\*Choosing the name that speaks to you)

**Our Father** [\*or **Creator** or **God**] who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.

**Thy kingdom come, thy 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.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

### **The Story Remembered**

### **The Meal is Shared**

**Communion Anthem –** *We Worship as One* - Althouse

### **Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Ever-present God, we give thanks that you have refreshed us at your table,  
in the company of Christ. Now, strengthen our faith, increase our love for  
each other, and send us out into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing  
in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN –** *I Cannot Dance, O Love*

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### **\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE –** *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* - Gladden/Smith



**\*\***This morning's Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession were adapted from pieces written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good' and used with permission. <https://holdfasttowhatisgood.com/>

### **Special Thanks To:**

- Michael Hendricks, for writing and directing today's Story Tent.
- Our **Saugatuck Players**, including: Akil Arvind, Anit Arvind, Felix Baer, Mary Bazile, Jacob Bogdan, Sarah Bogdan, Abraham Callen, Alice Callen, Allison Cancro, Justin Jendrock, Maxwell Lee, Sabrina Lee, Tim Syomichev, and Anika Zumbro.
- Kim Mathias and Bruce Borner for hosting Social Hour.
- Leslie Hand for coordinating our scripture readers.

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### **Worship Leaders:**

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Art Schoeller, (he/him), Song Leader  
Em Squatrito, (they/them), Song Leader/Violist

<sup>†</sup> Including pronouns is a way of recognizing and honoring a person's full identity. Pronouns have been added here after consulting with each worship leader, so that we can respect and address each according to their preference. *Curious to understand more about this practice? Please reach out to Pastor Alison.*

### **Livecast Production:**

Mark Mathias and Craig Patton

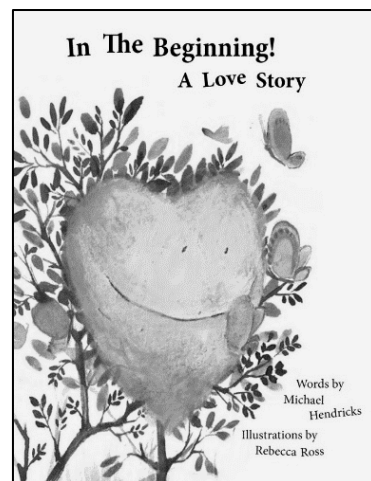


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### Art Exhibit: *In the Beginning! A Love Story*

*In the Beginning: A Love Story* is a children’s book, written by Michael Hendricks and illustrated by Rebecca Ross, designed to help children know that they are loved no matter what, that they come from love into a loving universe, and that they are here to love. Writes Michael, “If or when they make a mistake, they are still loved. The love they were born into is unconditional. That is the meaning of love.”



### Music at Saugatuck

#### Saugatuck Sunday Afternoon Concert Series:

- **TODAY, June 4, 3:00 pm in the sanctuary** – Choral Concert by the Staples Orphenians

#### **Anthony DeLuco Fundraising Voice Recital, Saturday June 10 at 4 pm:**

Help Anthony to go to an intensive voice workshop in Salzburg in July 2023!

**NEW: Festival Edaelio with international concert violinist Igor Pikayzen, Sunday, June 11, 7:30 pm:** Pikayzen and an ensemble of New York’s top chamber players will perform Antonio Vivladi’s Four Seasons *and* Estaciones Porteñas (Four Seasons of Bueson Aires), in the Saugatuck sanctuary. Wine reception to follow.

- To purchase tickets (\$50/person), go to EventBrite.com: and search for “Opening Concert: The Seasons!” Use **promocode “earlybird25”** at checkout for a 25% discount on orders through June 9.

## 2023 Mission Trip

**Our youth are traveling to Bellingham, Washington, June 25 to July 1, 2023!**

The group will partner with First Congregational Church of Bellingham to do flood relief work. To learn more or *to register* contact Kim Mathias at: [kim@mathias.org](mailto:kim@mathias.org).

**Want to support the trip?** Purchase shares and receive a personal postcard from Washington! Text the word “give” to 860-200-0103 and choose “Give to:” *Donations: Youth Mission Trip* or write a check to Saugatuck Church with “Mission Trip donation” in the memo. *Thank you!*

## Saugatuck Retreats 2023

**Save the Date! Men’s Retreat, October 14-15, 2023 at Silver Lake Retreat Center**, in Sharon, CT: Join your fellows for a fall weekend at Silver Lake Retreat Center – socializing, outdoor activities, guided discussion and meditation, and restful communing with nature. Led by Rev. Willie Salmond. Open to all men. Please express your interest to Bob Mitchell or to Willie.

## Weekly Small Groups

**VOICES – *Final gathering*: Thursday, June 8, 7 – 8:30 pm, on Zoom.**

Listen to *The Awakened Brain* by Westport author Lisa Miller, PhD.

VOICES is a small group listening and sharing opportunity. Link provided in the Friday and Tuesday email, and at [www.saugatuckchurch.org](http://www.saugatuckchurch.org).

To receive a list of quotes from the chapter ahead of our gathering, email host Michael Hendricks at [michaelkhendricks@yahoo.com](mailto:michaelkhendricks@yahoo.com).

**Brown Bag Bible – Wednesdays, 12 – 1:15 pm on Zoom.**

Explore the scripture text for the upcoming Sunday and consider how it relates to our everyday lives. Zoom link is at [www.saugatuckchurch.org](http://www.saugatuckchurch.org) and in the Tuesday morning eblast. Led by Pastor Alison.

**Centering Prayer – Wednesdays, 5 – 6 pm on Zoom.**

Each week includes 20 minutes of silent centering prayer, plus time to verbally lift up prayers. Email [alison@saugatuckchurch.org](mailto:alison@saugatuckchurch.org) for a link to join.

**The High School Youth Group – Wednesdays, from 7 – 8 pm in the Youth Room.** Led by Michael Hendricks with Sydney Cusson and others. Evenings of fun and connection for youth in grades 9 – 12. All are welcome ... bring a friend!

## Outreach at Saugatuck

### McGivney Camperships

Each summer, over 100 children in Bridgeport have an experience they will always remember: the 7-week Summer Camp at McGivney Community Center. Many of these students attend through the generosity of Saugatuck members. Once again, we have an opportunity to make a difference in these children's lives. Camp will run June 26- August 11.



If you would like to help a deserving child experience the fun and learning at McGivney, a contribution of \$85 covers a week of camp. Donations of any amount are welcome. Checks can be sent directly to the church, made payable to Saugatuck Congregational Church with *Camperships* in the memo line. Please remit before the end of June.

### Serving at Gillespie Center – Homes with Hope

Saugatuck Church volunteers serve dinner the fourth Wednesday of every month at the Gillespie Center. Homes with Hope is now welcoming up to 5 volunteers (or one family if all living in the same household) to serve the meal in Gillespie's community kitchen. Masks are still required in the building.

Please provide a family style meal for 25 people, to include a main dish, side dish, vegetables, and dessert. No nuts or shellfish, please. Meals may be cooked at home or purchased.

To sign up to serve a meal, click the QR code, contact Alexandra Walsh at [alexandrawalsh9@gmail.com](mailto:alexandrawalsh9@gmail.com) or sign up at <http://saugatuckchurch.org/working-with-others/volunteer-now/> by clicking "sign up to help."



## From the Environmental Justice Team

### Summer Fun - Save the Dates!

#### **Oyster Boat Tour, Friday, July 14, 9:30 am - 12 noon (approximate end time)**

Join us for a morning out on the Sound. Learn about the role of oysters in maintaining the health of our coastline, hosted by Dick Harris. This event is free, but space is limited! To register, email Linda Yingling at [lsyingling64@gmail.com](mailto:lsyingling64@gmail.com).

#### **Second Annual Saugatuck Clam Bake, Sunday, August 27, at the Compo Beach Marina, 5–9 pm:** An all-church picnic back by popular demand.

More details soon!

### Environmental Justice RESOURCE CORNER: Tips for Sustainable Living



Wasps help control garden pests. Adult wasps typically eat nectar. Their larvae eat aphids, caterpillars and other insects. Wasps are also pollinators carrying and dropping pollen grains as they move among flowers.

**Next Meeting of the Environmental Justice Team: Sunday, June 11,**  
11:45 am – 1:00 pm, Room 110.



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