

*“You enter this church not as a stranger, but as a child of God.”*

# Church in the Forest

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The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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September 11, 2016 • 9:30 am

Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

Attr. William Croft, 1708

1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,  
 2. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, Or earth re - ceived its frame,  
 3. A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone;  
 4. Time, like an ev - er roll - ing stream, Soon bears us all a - way;

Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:  
 From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.  
 Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
 We fly for - got - ten, as a dream Dies at the o - pening day.

5. Our God, our help in ages past,  
 Our hope for years to come,  
 Be Thou our guard while life shall last,  
 And our eternal home.

<b>Senior Minister</b>	The Rev. Joanne M. Swenson, Th.D.		
<b>Assistant Minister and Bible Study</b>	The Rev. Ken Feske		
<b>Minister Emeritus</b>	The Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland		
<b>Music Director</b>	Melinda Coffey Armstead		
<b>Office Administration</b>	Sherry St. Clair	<b>Publications</b>	Mary Wiltse
<b>Lector</b>	Lettie Bennett	<b>Crucifer</b>	Judy Fletcher
<b>Altar Care</b>	Sandy Rice and Nancy Zahm		
<b>Ushers</b>	Bob & Cynthia Perry		

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## PRELUDE

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*Afterwards, the minister welcomes the congregation and invites us to stand*

**Minister:** God shall judge between the nations, and arbitrate for many peoples;

**People:** **They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks;**

**Minister:** Nation shall not rise up against nation,

**ALL:** **Neither shall they learn war any more.** —Isaiah 2:4

*The hymn is on page two — Afterwards the service continues below*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God who is greater than the most powerful forces in this world, enable us to be still and know that You are God.

O Lord who answers out of the whirlwind of everyday life, breathe in us Your Holy Spirit to strengthen, comfort, and guide us in the midst of the storm.

O still, small voice, speak to us this hour, that we might become makers of Your peace in our homes, in our communities, in our world. We pray all this in the name of the One who calmed the raging sea. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

THE FIRST LESSON

*Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-27 (pew bible page 651)*

Lettie Bennett

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 51: 1-4, 6-12

*Responsively*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.

**Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence  
and blameless when you pass judgment.**

You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

**Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

**Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.

**Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.**

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

THE SECOND LESSON

*1 Timothy 1:12-17 (pew bible page 1034)*

THE SERMON

“New War, Old Foe: After 9/11”

The Rev. Joanne M. Swenson, Th.D.

*Afterwards, the minister will ask you to stand for the Creed*

THE CREED

*In unison*

**We believe in God,  
Who has created and is creating,  
Who has come in Jesus to reconcile  
And to make all things new.  
We trust in God,  
Who calls us to be the Church;  
To love and serve others,  
To seek justice and resist evil,  
To proclaim Jesus, Crucified, dead and risen;  
Our judge and our hope, In life, In death,  
In life beyond death, God is with us:  
We are not alone, Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*—Statement of Faith from the Iona Community*

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to this hour of worship! With music, scripture, prayer and fellowship, we center ourselves as children of God, prepared to be in His service.

Visitors, please let us know of your attendance by filling out a Visitor Card, which can be found in the bible rack of each pew, and then placing it in the offering plate when it is passed to you.

If you have a prayer request, are interested in membership, or would wish to speak to one of the ministers, please identify that on the card and we will be sure to follow up with you right away. If you know of someone who might need a pastoral visit, please note that as well.

Please join us for fellowship after the service on the deck. A special thank you to **Arlen and Cindy Lackey** for our refreshments today.

The lovely flowers at the altar are given by **John and Carolyn Sanders**, “In celebration of 57 years of marriage.”

Name tags are especially helpful during the Passing of the Peace. Please try to get a name tag prior to the service’s start. If you don’t see a tag for you, please contact **Sherry** in the office and she will be sure and make one—you don’t have to be an “official” member to be part of the CitF family, **ALL** are welcome!

Every Sunday you’re invited to preview that day’s sermon scripture text in a lively and warm Bible Study, led by our Assistant Minister, **Ken Feske**. Join us at 8:30 am in the “Multipurpose Room” located on our church’s deck. No preparation needed—you can even use one of our Bibles.

There are many ways to serve CitF—please check the bulletin board for opportunities. There are many spaces on both the September and October sign-up sheets. While there, you may sign up for... the **29th Annual Fall Function**. Our heartfelt thanks to **Joe and Nancy Verska** for offering to host us in their beautiful home in Pebble Beach. The date is **September 25**, from **5:00–7:00 pm**. Put your name on the list today on the bulletin board, or contact **Sherry** in the church office. Perhaps you would like to bring a friend to introduce to our church family? *More details on page 11.*

## BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

**O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Let us offer ourselves to God.

## THE OFFERING

“Nimrod” from Enigma Variations ..... Edward Elgar (1857-1034)

*After the alms are gathered, the congregation rises and sings the Doxology*

## THE DOXOLOGY

Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709

Genevan Psalter, 1551

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures

here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host;

Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Please remain standing for thy hymn on the following page*

1. Peace, per-fect peace, in this dark world of sin?  
 2. Peace, per-fect peace, by throng-ing du-ties pressed?  
 3. Peace, per-fect peace, with sor-rows surg-ing round?  
 4. Peace, per-fect peace, with loved ones far a-way?  
 5. Peace, per-fect peace, our fu-ture all un-known?

The blood of Je - sus whis - pers peace with - in.  
 To do the will of Je - sus, this is rest.  
 On Je - sus' bos - om naught but calm is found.  
 In Je - sus' keep - ing we are safe and they.  
 Je - sus we know, and he is on the throne.

*After the hymn, the minister continues and you may sit or kneel*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray:

**Our Father, 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.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

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

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

**And grant us your salvation.**

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

**Let your people sing with joy.**

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

**For only in you can we live in safety.**

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

**And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Let your way be known upon earth;

**Your saving health among all nations.**

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

**Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

**And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## THE PRAYERS

*The minister will lead the prayers and conclude each prayer with:*

We pray to the Lord.

*The congregation will then respond:*

**Lord hear our prayer.**

*Concluding prayer in unison*

**As we remember 9/11, give us your strength as we remember. Give us your wisdom to understand the changes it has created. Give us your compassion to see and help need around the world. Give us your hope as we face an uncertain future. Give us your peace that endures despite turmoil. Give us faith in you, our only true security! In the strong name of Jesus Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, *Amen.***

*Please stand for the hymn on the opposite page*

*Afterwards, the minister concludes the service*

**BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL**

Minister: Let us bless the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

Prelude in C, WTC II ..... J. S. Bach

***IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENT!***

***Church in the Forest***

***Invites you to its***

***29th Annual Fall Function***

***on Sunday, September 25, 2016, from 5:00 – 7:00 pm***

***at the home of Nancy and Joe Verska***

***2817 17-Mile Drive (near Spanish Bay) Pebble Beach***

***Valet parking available***

***\$25/per person donation for wine and catered hors d'oeuvres***

***Sign up on the bulletin board today!***

1. E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the  
2. O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain O'er which our traf - fic  
3. O Spir - it, whom the Fa - ther sent To spread a - broad the  
4. O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, Our breth - ren shield in

rest - less wave, Who bids the might - y o - cean deep- Its  
runs a - main By moun - tain pass or val - ley low; Wher -  
fir - ma - ment; O Wind of heav - en, by Thy might Save  
dan - ger's hour; From rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, Pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we  
ev - er, Lord, our breth - ren go, Pro - tect them by Thy  
all who dare the ea - gle's flight; And keep them by Thy  
tect them where - so - e'er they go; Thus ev - er - more shall

cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.  
guard - ing hand From ev - ery per - il on the land.  
watch - ful care From ev - ery per - il in the air.  
rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

TEXT: William Whiting, stanzas 1,4; Robert Nelson Spencer, stanzas 2, 3  
MUSIC: John Bacchus Dykes

**Music Box**

— SEPTEMBER 11, 2016 —

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**Melinda Coffey Armstead, organ**

- “God’s Time Is the Best” .....J. S. Bach (1685-1750)  
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***Here is the Music Box text that appeared the Sunday following Tuesday, September 11, 2001:***

*“Our small world is suddenly changed. In the grip of this cruel and unexpected nightmare many of us now ask what is important and what is not. And what will sustain us, if not our faith and our love for each other?  
We will laugh together again. But not today.”*

Reflect: these fifteen years have brought us the warm embrace of faith and love, a heightened sense of freedom and its cost, and much laughter. I am grateful beyond words to be here among you.



Melinda Coffey Armstead  
Music Director, 1995–present