

**Music Box**

JANUARY 10, 2016

**Emi Saeki, organ**  
**Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano**

Das alte Jahr vergangen ist..... J. S. Bach (1685-1750)  
Ballo del Granduca .....Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)  
Biblical Sonata..... Johann Kuhnau (1660-1722)  
*Saul's melancholy cured by the music played by David on his harp*

Improvisation from Japanese melody .....Emi Saeki (1958- )

Herr Gott, nun schleuß den Himmel auf..... J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Emi Saeki, born in Tokyo, is a professional organist, clavichordist, accompanist, and composer. Her music repertoire spans Renaissance to Contemporary and specializes in Japanese and Dutch music. She has given concerts in Germany, Austria, Czech Republic, Russia, and The Netherlands as well as Japan, and has appeared on local radio and TV shows in Japan. Her CDs include Piazzolla and Schunittke, Wien Hall Live, Composition for “Je bent de liefst” and Mozart’s “London Sketchbook”.

Emi conducted research on the Clavichord and wrote a thesis: “Jesuit missionaries and the clavichord in the Orient,” published by CLAVICHORD INTERNATIONAL. She won second prize award for her composition in the Yamaha International Contest held in Kyoto, Japan, in 1992, and in 1995 received a soloist diploma from the Conservatory in Enschede, Netherlands, as well as the nomination for the Tubantia newspaper prize.

Emi belonged to the Tokyo Embassy Choir (formerly called British Embassy Choir) from 2000 to 2013, as singer and instrumentalist. She held monthly organ concerts at Harajyuku Church, Tokyo. She resides in Tokyo, but she frequently visits Carmel. Please give her your warmest welcome!

*Melinda Coffey Armstead*



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Monday morning, January 4, 2016

Dear Congregation,

As we enter the New Year, your *Search Committee* needs to provide an update for our efforts. In our last communication we suggested we might have engaged a new minister by this time, but that is not the case. Continuing our commitment to transparency, we wish to share as much as possible without compromising our applicants' confidentiality, a critical obligation of any search process. A breach of this sort can not only be sensitive to the candidate but offer career risk as well. Hence, should you inadvertently become aware of identities, please do not comment further.

In the last sixty days we have had intense contact with three finalist candidates. These contacts have included Skyping, site visits away, and trips here by applicants and spouses including dinners with *Search* and *Board*. This thorough process is essential to producing a good decision on both sides, but, thus far, has not resulted in a hiring decision. That is the case with our first two candidates who have now withdrawn their applications. The first was chosen to come here based on brilliance in the pulpit, having more than doubled his large church congregation over his tenure, as well as providing excellent references. One of our *Search* members and spouse even journeyed to that cross-country location at his own expense to attend a service and personally meet the candidate and his wife. Our enthusiasm was somewhat tempered following one of the interviews here, and our stated areas of concern did result in a mutual rethink and withdrawal. The second candidate also enjoyed a constructive visit with us, but did exhibit some cultural divide. Finally, this candidate's wife encountered employment issues that made a career move problematic.

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In neither case had we come to a final agreement. We are in continuing discussions with a third candidate but have recessed until after the New Year. Located on the West Coast, we anticipate a meeting with this pastor and wife in January.

The above experiences have prompted a review of our search process amongst ourselves and a frank discussion with the Board of Directors. Such assessment suggests we do have the appropriate template for this type of search effort. In hindsight, our process did lead to non-hiring decisions that we feel are correct for Church in the Forest. A helpful suggestion from the Board entailed asking more detailed compensation questions of candidates earlier in the discussions. That is being done.

Thank you for your continued prayers and your patience as we enter the New Year.

Your Search Committee.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Please contact the church office if you would like to order pledge envelopes. Having them the previous year does not ensure having them this year!

**Save the Date:** Second Annual Robert Burns Supper on Saturday, **January 24, 2016**, at Quail Lodge. [www.quaillodge.com](http://www.quaillodge.com)

## Calendar

**Sunday January 10, 2016 — Second Sunday of Christmas**

**8:30 AM** Bible Study in the Multipurpose Room with the Rev. Ken Feske  
"The Truth about Spiritual Adultery" —*Hosea 1-3*.

A study of the twelve minor prophets continues

**9:15 AM Music Prelude**

**9:30 AM Morning Prayer**

**Passages** Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 136:1-11; John 2:1-11

**Lector** Dave Mackie

**Crucifer** Rae Janzen

**Flowers** Jeanne & Cyril Yansouni

**Cookies** Bob & Judy Fletcher

**Ushers** Wim & Tonneke van der Linden

**Altar Care** Sandy Rice & Martha Jordan

**Sermon** the Rev. Ken Feske

**Title** "What to do when the wine runs out"