

Church in the Forest

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Monday morning, February 19, 2018

Dear Friends,

Ash Wednesday was a profound day of horror and grieving for our nation. What insights can our faith provide to understand the Parkland shooting?

Our faith emphasizes the reality of sin and evil. We say each Sunday, “Forgive us our sins...” and “Deliver us from Evil.” Ordinary people, committing ordinary sins—political, bureaucratic, familial, cultural—contributed to this young man’s evil. He was not a “lone” shooter.

Our faith also emphasizes that we survive and prosper only through holy covenant. We rely on God and each other in fragile webs of collaboration and caring. This is our vulnerability and strength. We are not “lone” humans.

Every Sunday we accentuate these realities. The ancient acts of worship—confession, repentance, forgiveness, prayer, fellowship, celebration, commissioning—mold us into the people our modern world needs. Worship is not a “lone” moment.

Especially now...

See you Sunday!



The Reverend Joanne M. Swenson, Th.D.

An afternoon of music, champagne, food and fun featuring mezzo-soprano, Solmaaz Adeli, and Jon Mark, piano/vocals. Join Janet McDaniel, our generous host, at the Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club, Wharf # 2, on

Sunday, March 18, 3:00-5:00 pm

Proceeds will go to our church’s hospitality and holiday decor projects! Donation \$40 per person. Sign up at church or contact Steve Bellavance:

stevenbellavance@gmail.com or 603-398-6956

Small Groups are gatherings where CitF members and friends can explore faith and deepen fellowship.

- The *Small Group Bible Study* is held each **Sunday at 8:30 AM** in the Multipurpose Room where the topic is the bible passage of the day.
- *The Men’s Small Group* gathers **February 22, 10–11:30 AM** in the Multipurpose Room, currently studying the Book of Romans.
- *Sisters in the Forest Small Group* meets **February 22, 12 noon–1:15, PM**, at Linda Mackie’s, 3110 Bird Rock Road, Pebble Beach. All women welcome.
- *Women’s Bible Study Small Group* begins **March 1, 10:30 am–12 noon**, at the *Beach and Tennis Club*. Purchase book, “Women of the Old Testament” by Gladys Hunt (LifeGuide Bible Studies) at your favorite bookseller.

Calendar

Sunday February 25, 2018 — Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM Bible Study in the Multipurpose Room led by the Reverend Ken Feske. Topic: John 1: 43–51

9:15 AM **Chapel Concertino**

9:30 AM **Morning Prayer**

Passages Colossians 1: 15–20; Psalm 89 (selected verses); John 1: 43–51

Lector Francie Blinks

Crucifer Leslie Mulford

Cookies Kristen Davenport

Flowers Howard and Linda Colehower

Ushers Jack Davis and Bob Janzen

Altar Care Martha Jordan, Linda Mackie, and Sandy Rice

Sermon The Reverend Joanne M. Swenson, Th.D.

Title “A Sceptic’s Guide to God: A Sermon Series for Lent”
This Sunday: “Jesus... Person? Prophet? God?”

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Starting March 2, 11 AM: Pastor Joanne leads a study of the gospels’ resurrection stories, Carmel Valley Manor. All CitF members and friends are welcome. Contact: joanne@churchintheforest.org

SAVE THE DATE: April 22 is our next New Members’ Sunday. Join our mission to be a “Light in the Forest”! Contact: joanne@churchintheforest.org

Music Box

FEBRUARY 25, 2018

Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano & organ

CHAPEL CONCERTINO

Music of Erik Satie (1866-1925)— *Sports et Divertissements* (1914)

Choral inappétissant (unappetizing chorale)

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| 1. La Balançoire (The Swing) | 10. Le Golf |
| 2. La Chase (Hunting) | 11. La Pieuvre (The Octopus) |
| 3. La Comédie Italienne | 12. Les Courses (Horse Racing) |
| 4. Le Reveil de la Mariée
(The Awakening of the Bride) | 13. Les Quatre Coins
(Puss in the Corner) |
| 5. Colin-Maillard
(Blindman's Bluff) | 14. Le Pique-nique |
| 6. La Pêche (Fishing) | 15. Le Water chute |
| 7. Le Yachting | 16. Le Tango perpétuel |
| 8. Le Bain de mer
(Ocean bathing) | 17. Le Traîneau (The Sled) |
| 9. Le Carnival | 18. Le Flirt |
| | 19. Le Feu d'Artifice (Fireworks) |
| | 20. Le Tennis |

Gymnopédie I (1888)

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need..... American Folk Hymn
arr. by John Carter (in the style of Satie)

Prélude de la Porte Héroïque du Ciel (1884)..... E. Satie
(Prelude of the heroic gate of heaven)

The original Olympic Games festival from 3500 years ago was actually a sacred rite dedicated to Zeus. It lasted one day and consisted of a single footrace, (men only) the length of a start, and the prize of victory was a wreath (no contracts, no endorsements). By the time Greece lost its independence to Rome, the games had expanded to a five spectacular days, complete with professional athletes, banquets and public entertainment, a short step to today's extravaganza. The conjunction of the ATT and the Winter Olympics cries out for the choice of Satie's "Sports and Diversions." Like a *New Yorker* cartoon, these brilliant caricatures are masterpieces of wit and ironic observation.

The three Gymnopédies honor the festival of ancient Sparta, the Gymnopaïdai (which followed the Zeus festival by several centuries). This event featured contests and choruses, including the gymnopaïdike (choral dances) performed by men and boys. The cornerstone of Greek education was gymnastics, music, and no women allowed.

Melinda Coffey Armstead



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