

Music Box

MARCH 19, 2017

HEARTSTRINGS

Paulette Lynch, Hammered Dulcimer

Mike Osgood, Mandolin

Rebecca Stone, Fiddle

Rick Chelew, Bass

Marj Ingram Viales, Guitar

Melinda Coffey Armstead, organ

CHAPEL CONCERTINO FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY

McClouds / Temperance / St. Anne's Reels /

Da Slocklit Light Road to Lisdonvarna / Morrison's Jig /

Angelina Baker Boneparte Crossing the Rhine / Girl I Left Behind /

Smash the Windows / Butterfly Sally Gardens / Blarney Pilgrim

Si Bheag Si Mhor

Floppy Eared Mule / Over the Waterfall / Whiskey Before Breakfast

St. Patrick is said to have given a sermon from a hilltop that drove all the snakes from Ireland. No snakes were ever native to Ireland, so the text had an immunity to criticism that must have appealed to the logically-obsessed. March 17 is St. Patrick's Day, and the holiday is rumored to be used as an excuse for good cheer, taking on (with a glad heart) the risk of a citation for DWI (Driving While Irish). Before you purse your lips at me, recall that I'm Irish, and thus entitled.

Melinda Coffey Armstead



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Monday morning, March 13, 2017

Dear Friends,

How does a person find spiritual growth? That's a live question among those who have attended our five Small Group exploration conversations.

Our first impulse is to select a study topic or book, to want to learn more about religion and scripture.

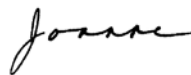
Of course, I spent a big chunk of my life doing just this, with a B.A., M. Div., Th. M, and Th. D. in religion—I am afraid to count the years represented by these degrees!

But knowing “about” religion is no substitute for being known by God. Experiencing that God knows us fully brings truth, freedom, energy, joy and hope. It is the experience of grace.

Indeed, there is a significant group of people who know a great deal about religion, but feel trapped and hopeless—I am talking about some clergy. Sociologists Josh Packard and Todd Ferguson have studied the experiences of pastors and other religious professionals who, despite years of religious study, feel they are stuck in their faith and work. Packard and Ferguson call this group, the “Stuck,” and you can read more about them here: <https://dechurched.net/2015/12/22/stuck-pastors-who-are-done-with-church/>

This Sunday we'll explore what it means to know more “about” God and what it means to be known by God. You can ponder this distinction, while reading ahead the sermon passage, the story of the Woman at the Well (John 4).

See you in church,



The Rev. Joanne Swenson, Th.D.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: If you know someone who would be a capable, collegial candidate for our *Church Board* or *Fund for the Future*, please speak with a member of the *Nominating Committee* (**Carol Sullivan, Judy Kennedy, Bob Janzen, Lloyd Nattkemper** or **Sandy Rice**).

Small Groups are Growing! Two new small groups are launching for CitF members and their friends. You are welcome to visit these groups, now in formation.

- Interested in hands-on service in our community with a Small Group? Meet **Thursday, March 23, 10–11:30 AM at Joan Thompson's** home (87 Hacienda Carmel, Carmel)
- Want clarity and open-minded conversation about the “Big Questions” of faith? Visit our Big Questions Small Group, **Tuesday, March 28, 5–6:30 PM at Bob and Sandy Rice's** home (11 Windsor Rise, Monterey). The reading for Big Questions is available at the church office.

Need more information? Please email Pastor Joanne at: joanne@churchintheforest.org

Calendar

Sunday	March 19, 2017—Third Sunday in Lent Celebrating St. Patrick's Day
8:30 AM	Bible Study in the Multipurpose Room led by Judy Fletcher Topic: John 4: 5–29 & 39
9:15 AM	Chapel Concertino
9:30 AM	Morning Prayer
Passages	Exodus 17: 1–7; Selections from Psalm 42; John 4: 5–29 & 39
	Lector Robert Perry Crucifer Cynthia Perry
	Flowers Kristen & Doug Davenport
	Cookies Nancy Verska and Judie Higgins
	Ushers Arlen & Cindy Lackey
	Altar Care Martha Jordan & Sandy Rice
Sermon	The Rev. Joanne M. Swenson, Th.D
Title	“Lessons in Spiritual Freedom: A Sermon Series for Lent” Sunday's Sermon: “Freedom to be Fully Known”
Saturday	March 18, 2017, 2:00 PM. Memorial service for Robert Cater
Saturday	March 25, 2017, 10:00 AM. Memorial service for Lynn Storey
Sunday	March 26, 2017, 2:00 PM. Memorial service for Barbara McGowan
Tuesday	April 4, the <i>Small Study Group</i> continues with “Lenten Learnings 2017,” at the home of Gloria Bigelow , 3138 Bird Rock Road, PB; 10:15-11:30 AM