



# Church in the Forest

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Monday, April 11, 2016

Dear Members and Friends,

On Mondays and Fridays, I have the honor of speaking to the High School assembly, and I count that as a rare privilege. That opening and closing of the “work week” calls for something that is of help to a teenager and not too religious in its content but carries a spiritual truth that can point all gathered to be our best selves.

This past Monday I shared a piece by Will Allen Dromgoole a wonderful female writer, born in 1862 and died in 1935. She was unbelievably prolific, writing seven hundred and fifty poems and a number of books and articles. She was ahead of her time and left us with beautiful and powerful thoughts. One is entitled:

## The Bridge Builder

An old man going a lone highway,  
Came, at the evening cold and gray,  
To a chasm vast and deep and wide.  
Through which was flowing a sullen tide  
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,  
The sullen stream had no fear for him;  
But he turned when safe on the other side  
And built a bridge to span the tide.

“Old man,” said a fellow pilgrim near,  
“You are wasting your strength with building here;  
Your journey will end with the ending day,  
You never again will pass this way;  
You’ve crossed the chasm, deep and wide,  
Why build this bridge at evening tide?”

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The builder lifted his old gray head;  
“Good friend, in the path I have come,” he said,  
“There followed after me to-day  
A youth whose feet must pass this way.  
This chasm that has been as naught to me  
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be;  
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;  
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him!”

See you in church,



William B. Rolland

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** Please note the wonderful event headed up by our own Melinda Coffey Armstead this coming **Saturday, April 16, 3:00 pm**, at Church in the Forest. The *Alliance Française's* benefit concert, *The Marriage of Poetry and Music*, will feature poems read by students from Stevenson School and Alvarez High School, Salinas; followed by performances of their musical settings by French composers.

### Calendar

**Sunday April 17, 2016 — Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**8:30 AM** Bible Study in the Multipurpose Room led by Ken Feske  
Overview/intro to James

**9:15 AM** **Music Prelude**

**9:30 AM** **Morning Prayer**

**Passages** Acts 3:1-16; Psalm 4: 1, 6-8; John 10:11-16

**Lector** Dave Mackie

**Crucifer** Judy Fletcher

**Flowers** Staff

**Cookies** Linda Banner

**Ushers** Linda Banner and Jack Davis

**Altar Care** Martha Jordan and Sandy Rice

**Sermon** the Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland

**Title** “Some Elbow Room, please.”

**Tuesday, April 19, Small Study Group** led by Ken Feske at the home of Raymond and Carol Williams, 3945 Ronda Road, PB; **10:15-11:30 am.**

**Topic:** “’tis a Gift To Be Simple”