

**Music Box**

MAY 7, 2017

**William Faulkner, Jalisco harpist  
Melinda Coffey Armstead, organ**

*CHAPEL CONCERTINO*

- Josefinita ..... Tatá Uriel Bravo
- Atotonilco ..... Juan José Espinosa
- Cordero de Dios ..... traditional
- Solamente una vez ..... Agustín Lara
- El Becerro ..... Vargas/Fuentes
  
- How Great Thou Art ..... Stuart K. Hine
  
- Dios nunca Muere ..... Macedonio Alcalá
  
- El Melón..... William Faulkner

A warm welcome back to William Faulkner, Jalisco harpist and our annual celebrant for the Spring Breakfast and Cinco de Mayo. William has the honor of being the Arpista Municipal de Tequila, Jalisco and an Hijo Adoptivo de Zapotiltic, Jalisco.

There are so many strings in his harp,  
That must never be flat nor be sharp.  
Thus he first has to tune  
So he doesn't impugn  
The composer, himself, or the person  
who can't think of another rhyme for sharp.

—RLA



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Monday morning, May 1, 2017

Dear Friends,

What makes for abundant life? That question is posed in this Sunday's gospel lesson, the powerful words of Jesus: "I came that they might have life, and have it more abundantly."

I thought about Jesus's words as I traveled around China these past ten days. Pollution of breathing air and drinking water seemed taken for granted, massive high-rise housing developments were everywhere, and on the subways not one single book was being read —just cell phone screens. Modern life seemed menacing.

But, just as visible were compelling signs of community: people gathered daily in beautiful city parks to dance together and visit; every toddler and baby seemed attached to the arms of a doting grandparent; cars, bikes, motor scooters and pedestrians weaved and dodged each other with no evident irritation (and no helmets!).

While on that long flight to China, I read a new book, *The Power of Meaning*, which argues that we need four elements to thrive: a narrative of triumph over adversity; community; connection to transcendence; and service to others. I saw evidence of some of those features on the streets of China, and I know all four are powerfully present in our own CitF community.

This Sunday we'll think about what Jesus means by "abundant life," and how we can experience that for ourselves and others.

See you Sunday,



The Rev. Joanne Swenson, Th.D.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

You don't want to miss our annual **SPRING BREAKFAST!** Please call the office and let **Sherry** know if you plan to come. We have to give Stevenson the head count on Wednesday.

**May 21**, we will receive new members! Let the office know of your interest or fill out a visitor card at church.

**Anita Young**, beloved of **Carl Wilsey**, passed away mid-April after a brief illness. At the request of her children, there will be no service. **Joan Thompson** is at CHOMP, with a life-threatening injury. Please pray for her and family!

We are getting ready to order the next round of plaques for the *Memorial Garden*. If you wish to have one placed, please contact **Sherry** at the church or **Bob Janzen**, 655-5113, or at raejanzen@sbcglobal.net for details.

For those who asked this past Sunday for the URL for the Dennis Union Church memorial service for **Paul Woudenberg**, it may be found at <http://dennisunionchurch.sermon.net/ductv/main/20903635> and then confirm that the service date is **April 8**.

### Calendar

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 7, 2017 — Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	NO Bible Study due to Spring Breakfast
<b>9:15 AM</b>	<b>Chapel Concertino</b>
<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Passages</b>	Deuteronomy 6: 1–9; Psalm 24 (selections); John 10: 1–10
	<b>Lector</b> Francie Blinks
	<b>Crucifer</b> Skip Lord
	<b>Prayers of the People</b> Lloyd Nattkemper
	<b>Oblation Bearer</b> Liz Lord
	<b>Flowers</b> Vinz & Barbara Hake
	<b>Cookies</b> Mary & Tom McCary
	<b>Ushers</b> John and Kathy Ivie
	<b>Altar Care</b> Shirley Temple and Andrea Thatcher
<b>Sermon</b>	The Rev. Joanne M. Swenson, Th.D.
<b>Title</b>	Sermon Series: "Life's Comings and Goings" This Sunday: "Coming into Abundant Life"
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 7, at 8:15 AM</b> is the <b>Spring Breakfast</b> at Stevenson School cafeteria. Contact <b>Sherry</b> to sign up.