

Music Box

MAY 22, 2016

Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano & organ

Piano music of Frédéric Chopin (1810-1849)

- Etude in F minor Op. Posthumous
- Preludes Op. 28: No. 21 in B-flat major
- No. 22 in G minor
- No. 3 in F sharp major
- Valse in E minor Op. Posthumous
- Prelude No. 15 in D-flat major.....F. Chopin
- Pomp and Circumstance Op. 39..... Edward Elgar, (1857-1934)

There will be no coffee and goodies after the service today, because of Graduation preparations. Chin up! At least we aren't paying tuition. (Except of course for those of you who ARE paying tuition, to whom my apologies for airily dismissing the lack of refreshments.)

What a memorable culmination of high-school this will be! The graduates will visit Universal Studios this year, traveling by bus for an ALL-NIGHT celebration. Words cannot convey my sense of loss, not being on that bus! Think of it, the camaraderie, the whispered exchange of pleasantries, the lyrical singing, the gentle laughter, the long and restful sleep as the miles hum by. Whereas we can only return to our homes and hotel rooms, early to bed and sadly excluded.

You may confuse these remarks with irony, but don't blame me. For consolation, those of you who like Chopin piano preludes can feast on them today, calorie count zero.

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Painless and Economical

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Monday morning, May 16, 2016

Dear Members and Friends,

You and I are the WIND PEOPLE!

We English-speakers say the words: “wind, breath, spirit,” because they are different words; we think that we are talking about different things. Hebrew knows better and has only one word for all three: *ruah*. *Ruah* is wind and breath and spirit. On Pentecost, *Ruah* came down and breathed fire. No longer would she blow only through a chosen few, the prophets. Now she would breathe life throughout all people. From that day, the course of corruption and isolation was changed forever. A new day began.

In the Seminole Nation, there is a tribe called the Muskogee. They too know the story of the wind, because *Ruah* blows where she wills, but the Muskogee tell it differently. Here is their story:

“In the beginning, the Father Spirit created all the earth and all the people, but the earth was dark and all its surface was covered with a thick mist. The people whom the Father Spirit had made were lost in the mist, for they could not see far enough to find others to love. So, the people cried out to the Father Spirit, cried out with the despair of their loneliness, and the Father Spirit said, ‘I will send a new people to the earth, I will send the Wind People, and they will blow away the mist so that people can see others, can see that they are not alone. The Wind People will bring them together,’ and that is what the Father Spirit did.”

That mist is not yet gone, not entirely. Still there are those who do not see others, and so cannot love. But my brothers and sisters, we over whom *Ruah* has blown, we who have felt her fire, we can restore them. Breathe today in love. Dissipate the mist. We are the Wind People.

Enjoy a breezy week!

See you in Church,



Ken Feske

ANNOUNCEMENTS: This weekend is Graduation at Stevenson Upper School. We send our support and best wishes to all the graduates as they complete this chapter and embark upon a new one!

Calendar

Sunday May 22, 2016—Trinity Sunday—Stevenson Graduation
8:30 AM Bible Study in the Multipurpose Room led by the Rev. Ken Feske
“Listening and doing” —*James 1: 19-27*
9:15 AM **Music Prelude**
9:30 AM **Morning Prayer**
Passages Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; Psalm 92:1-5; John 16:5-16
Lector Don Daly
Crucifer Cynthia Perry
Flowers Jim & Sharon Chibidakis
Cookies NO FELLOWSHIP DUE TO GRADUATION
Ushers Wim & Tonneke van der Linden
Altar Care Martha Jordan & Sandy Rice
Sermon The Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland
Title “So little time—So much to say”
Sunday June 5, 2016 — Annual Meeting of the Congregation
immediately following the service
Sunday June 26, 2016 — Bill Rolland’s last Sunday and visit of the Rev. Dr. Joanne Swenson
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.