

Music Box

— JUNE 8, 2015 —

Solmaaz Adeli, mezzo-soprano
Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano & organ

- Black Is the Color of My True Love’s Hair..... Appalachian Folk Song
Shenandoah.....arr. by R R Terry (1865-1938)
- Hard Times..... Stephen C Foster (1826-1864)
- The Scarlet Tide T Bone Burnett & Elvis Costello (b. 1954)
- American Lullaby Gladys Rich (1904-1994)
- Piccola Serenata Leonard Bernstein (1918-1990)
- Amazing Grace John Newton (1725-1807)
- Simple Gifts American Folk Hymn

“Sinners may repent, but stupid is forever,” paraphrases a remark by Coco Chanel. The Categories of life may not be quite so precisely drawn, which may be just as well. Because some obsessive person will pigeonhole you, depend on it, if a Category is available.

John Newton led a life splotted with danger and physical pain against a background of really bad judgement. If this sounds like a normal teenager, you should know more:

His mother died when he was seven. From then on he oscillated between the high seas and boarding houses, “sinking deeply into sin.” (If I could find out what the exact sin was, I’d tell you.) He deserted from the British Navy, was flogged, imprisoned, forced back onto a ship, and nearly died when a terrible storm shattered the ship. At that moment, he decided on his Category, and stuck to it, becoming one of the most powerful evangelical preachers in British history and the author of hundreds of hymns, including, “Amazing Grace.” Here is a lovely verse he added, which, unaccountably, you don’t usually hear:

“The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine;
But God, Who called me here below, shall be forever mine.”

Melinda Coffey Armstead



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Monday morning, June 8, 2015

Dear Members and Friends,

Do we have any reason for Hope?

One of my “heroes” in the worldwide church is the Rev. John M. Buchanan, who pastored the Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago for the past twenty-seven years. He is now the Editor of my all-time-favorite magazine, *The Christian Century*.

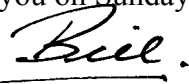
In the April 1 issue of *The Christian Century*, John wrote of the subject of HOPE. He writes: “A friend of mine recently announced that he had lost hope for the human race. The news each day was so consistently and relentlessly depressing, that he was certain that the human project had run its course.”

He also noted in the editorial that a study published in *Science* magazine last summer announced that global warming is approaching a tipping point after which no reversal will be possible. Meanwhile ISIS is committing cultural genocide which reminds us all of the sack of Rome in 410 CE, where St. Jerome declared, “If Rome can perish what can be safe?”

But we have a story of Easter and Pentecost, which has to bring us hope and confidence. Buchanan reminds us: “Yet Easter comes! Because of Easter we dare to believe that the resurrection drama points to God’s ultimate authority and power. The power of empire, human hatred, cruelty and bigotry did not prevail on that dark Friday.”

We now live on the right side of Easter and Pentecost and that in and of itself is reason for Hope!

Have a great week and see you on Sunday,



William B. Rolland

Report from the June 7, 2015, Annual Meeting of the Congregation

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Calendar

Sunday,	June 14, 2015 — Third Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 AM	Bible Study in the Multipurpose Room with the Rev. Ken Feske Perseverance—Matthew 15:21-39
9:15 AM	Music Prelude
9:30 AM	Morning Prayer
Passages	Acts 3:1-10; Psalm 25:1-8 ; John 8: 26—36
	Lector Francie Blinks
	Crucifer Leslie Mulford
	Flowers Janet McDaniel
	Cookies Nancy Verska, Don & Diane Watson
	Altar Care Martha Jordan & Sandy Rice
	Ushers Marilyn Gorman and Jan Stine
	Sermon the Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland
	Title “To Square the Truth”
Tuesday,	June 16, Small Study Group at Ruth Gleisner’s, 10:15-11:30. Ken Feske leading, “Holy, who me?” I Peter 1: 13-2:3