

Music Box

JULY 17, 2016

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

- My Lord, What a Morning!..... Henry Thacker “Harry” Burleigh (1866-1949)
- Deep River anonymous
- Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child..... anonymous
- Sweet Little Jesus Boy Robert MacGimsey (1898-1979)
- In the Garden..... C. Austin Miles (1868-1946)
- He's Got the Whole World In His Hands anonymous

“Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child” and “Deep River” were both originally “bleep” Spirituals. They both achieved fame after Paul Robeson, himself a “bleep,” sang them with such feeling and authority. (I have a new spell-checker set at a level to avoid the appearance of insensitivity to impropriety. If I deliberately try to use a non-PC word, like “bleep,” it gives me an electrical shock through the keyboard and dials 911. We had two members of the PC Police knock on our door, masquerading as ACLU, in what they termed a “preemptive courtesy visit.” They were polite and charming as they could be, but said that any further “bleep” around or even the INTENT to “bleep” around in the future would lead to “bleep” consequences. My spell-checker growled sympathetically from the next room when it heard them. If you believe anything within these parentheses you should see me privately.)

These are lovely and moving Spirituals, springing naturally from and giving comfort to the oppressed. You will feel the past as you hear them, as Solmaaz sings them with the gravitas and beauty they must have conferred on the landscape in those troubled days.

Melinda Coffey Armstead



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Monday morning, July 11, 2016

Dear Members and Friends,

In light of the tragic and senseless shootings in Dallas, Baton Rouge, St Paul, Salinas and too many unnamed communities I offer this prayer for your reflection.

Good and Gracious God,
Yet again,
our nation grieves.
Yet again,
good people have lost their lives senselessly
Yet again,
families will spend a lifetime mourning,
survivors will struggle for full recovery,
all will labor to regain trust and feeling safe.

We must learn
that love is
the only thing that can
cure this illness
that plagues our nation.

We are far too ready
to miss the emphasis
to which you call us.
We are far too ready
to turn to our TVs and internet
for what to think
rather than to the love
to which you call us.

Yes,
we must change.
the disagreements,
dismissals
and disingenuous “debate”
to one of
truly listening,
thoughtfully considering
and deeply loving.

We must change,
And...
we must learn.

And...
we must act.

We must act
and...
we must do it
in love.

Not divisiveness.
Not political posturing.
Not disrespectful dialogue.
Not parroting the talking heads on TV.

We must do it
one on one
with open hearts,
with open minds
and a willingness.

So we ask
that we might be filled with the Spirit
and that from all of us
there might come
a great outpouring of love
on a scale like never seen before—
because our friends matter,
our family matters,
our country matters—
your children matter.
Amen.

See you in church,



Ken Feske

Calendar

Sunday July 17, 2016—Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 AM Bible Study in the Multipurpose Room led by the Rev. Ken Feske
“When Life Goes Wrong” —*James 4:1-12*

9:15 AM **Music Prelude**

9:30 AM **Morning Prayer**

Passages 1 Kings 1:1-4; Psalm 97:1-6, 9-12; Matthew 20:20-28

Lector Robert Perry

Crucifer Cynthia Perry

Flowers Anonymous

Cookies Bob & Judy Fletcher

Ushers ??

Altar Care Martha Jordan and Sandy Rice

Sermon The Rev. Charles Anker

Title “Cold End for a Hot King”

Tuesday, July 19, at 10:15 am — *Small Group Study* led by the **Rev. Ken Feske** at the home of **Gloria Bigelow**, 3138 Bird Rock Road, PB; **10:15-11:30 am**. Topic: “A New Beginning” —*Ezra 3:1-12*