

Music Box

AUGUST 14, 2016

Hillet Botha, piano

Sonata in C sharp minor..... Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

Etude Opus 25 number 1..... Frederic Chopin (1810-1849)

Etude Opus 25 number 12.....F. Chopin

Beethoven completed the Sonata in C sharp minor in 1801 and dedicated it to Countess Giuletta Guicciardi in 1802. She was one of his pupils and he apparently became infatuated by her. It is speculated that she is the “enchancing girl” about whom Beethoven wrote to his friend Wegeler in 1801. The piece, written when Beethoven was in his early thirties, is one of his most popular compositions for piano. It was also a favorite in his own day.

The first edition of the score was headed “*Sonata quasi una fantasia.*” The name “Moonlight Sonata” was given to it by the German poet Ludwig Rellstab. He likened the effect of the first movement to that of moonlight shining on Lake Lucerne. The sonata does not follow the traditional Classical form of fast-slow-fast. It starts with a slow movement and has an end-weighted trajectory. Of the final movement, the critic Charles Rosen has written, “It is the most unbridled in its representation of emotion. Even today, two-hundred years later, its ferocity is astonishing.”

The Etude Opus 25 number 1 was composed by Chopin in 1836. The work consists entirely of rapid arpeggios and broken chords in A flat minor. Robert Schumann called this Etude “a poem rather than a study” and coined for it the alternate name “Aeolian Harp.” It is also known as “The Shepherd Boy” after a tale by the pianist Kleczynski that Chopin advised a pupil to picture a shepherd boy playing the melody on his flute.

The Etude Opus 25 number 12 is the last of Chopin’s formal studies (or etudes) for the piano. It was first published in 1837. The work is a series of rising and falling arpeggios in various chord progressions, giving it the name “Ocean Etude.”



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Monday morning, August 8, 2016

Dear Members and Friends,

Now, we understand fire. The Soberanes Fire has made us experts in the ways of fire—the impact of winds, temperature, terrain.

Not just the physical ways—but the spiritual ways.

One woman remarked that, as she prepared for the possible fiery destruction of her home, she walked around to assess what she would take out, what she would save.

She discovered that there were few material possessions that commanded her loyalty. What were important were spiritual possessions—photos, mementos, her view of the ocean.

This isn't just a fire of destruction. It's a fire of clarification.

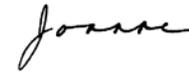
That is what Jesus is preaching in this week's Gospel text. The fire of Jesus Christ brings clarification—of our loyalties, of our time, the state of our own soul. We don't welcome fire—real or the fires of crisis and change—but, oh, how fire clarifies our spiritual values!

As I am getting to know you, I am hearing stories of your own fires—illness, family friction, job upheaval, divorce. What keeps coming through is how faith turns fire into light—a time of illumination and strength from God.

What a blessing to hear your life stories and be encouraged by your faith!

If you'd like to prepare for this week's sermon, please study the sermon text, Luke 12: 49–56. And listen to stories about fire and faith from your fellow Church in the Forest members!

Yours in the Fire,



Joanne Swenson

ANNOUNCEMENTS: This Sunday, August 14, marks the beginning of “Car Week” so folks might want to allow more travel time to get virtually anywhere from August 14-21. The valets will be ready, as always, to help you park at church on the 14th and 21st, so don't stay away!

With the multiplication of communication devices, how can you best reach Joanne? You definitely won't find her on Twitter! She is most easily reached via email at joanne@churchintheforest.org. That is a good place to start if you want to communicate with her personally or arrange a visit. If you'd prefer to call, Joanne is more reachable during afternoon hours. And, please call her at any time for a pastoral emergency: 831-884-8462

Calendar

Sunday August 14, 2016—Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 AM Bible Study with the Rev. Ken Feske, however, **NO Bible Study** this week—will resume 08/28 with Luke 14:1, 7-14
9:15 AM **Music Prelude**
9:30 AM **Morning Prayer**
Passages Jeremiah 23:23-29; Psalm 104: 1–4, 31–34; Luke 12:49-56
Lector Lettie Bennett
Crucifer Judy Fletcher
Flowers Clarence and Janet Hill
Cookies Bob and Judy Fletcher
Ushers Sandy and Bob Rice
Altar Care Alison Burleigh and Shirley Temple
Sermon The Rev. Dr. Joanne M. Swenson
Title “The Good News About Fire”

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, September 25, 5-7:00 pm, CitF Fall Function