

**Music Box**

OCTOBER 16, 2016

**Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano & organ**

*CHAPEL CONCERTINO*

- His Eye Is On the Sparrow.....Mary McDonald  
based on the tune by Charles Gabriel
- Praise Him! Praise Him! ..... Hugh S. Livingston Jr.  
based on Joyful Song by Chester Allen
- Precious Memories.....Harold DeCou  
based on the tune by J.B.F. Wright
- I Need Thee Every Hour ..... John Purifoy  
based on Need by Robert Lowry
- Leaning On the Everlasting Arms ..... H. Livingston  
based on Showalter by Anthony Showalter
- Jesus Loves Me ..... Robert W. Thygerson  
based on China by William Bradbury
- Love Lifted Me .....Howard E. Smith
- Standing On the Promises.....R. Kelso Carter
- When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder.....James M. Black

These are some of my Dad’s favorite hymns. He would have been 97 today. I recorded them on a CD for his 87th birthday in 2006, and he enjoyed them until he died eleven months later. He grew up in a large family (11) on a farm in a small town (Sulphur Springs) in east Texas. He walked four miles (each way) to school, (“barefoot through the snow” we used to tease), attended the Baptist Church, worked at farm jobs, including picking cotton for as little as 25 cents a day, until he joined the Navy (1937-1968). Amazing to me how someone born just in time to face all of the Great Depression and World War II maintained an eternally cheerfully optimistic outlook and enjoyed hard work his entire life. He taught us to always “Just do the best you can with what you’ve got.” And smile.

He had a great smile.



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Monday morning, October 10, 2016

Dear Members and Friends,

The Blessing of the Animals last Sunday made me realize that you can't really understand people unless you see them with their pets. There were so many dogs (even some horses) adopted out of abandonment and abuse, it became clear that our congregation has a huge heart for the vulnerable, mistreated and forgotten.

What plants this seed of compassion in us? In the Genesis reading, led by Lector Dennis Riley, we heard how God created man and woman in His own image. Could it be that when we respond to these needy animals, we are acting on divine DNA?

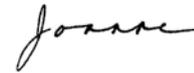
There is a divine blueprint of compassion written into the human heart. But, as well, there is a blueprint of empathy and service written on the hearts of animals.

Zoologists are documenting arresting examples of "animal altruism," animals caring for others that seems to serve no evolutionary purpose and may even be sacrificial. For example...

- A group of sperm whales in Portugal adopted an adult dolphin. Such a cross-species bonding between dolphins and whale had never been seen before. The whales and dolphin rubbed their bodies against each other, a gesture of friendship.
- A dolphin rescued two beached whales in New Zealand and led them back to deep water.
- Swimmers have reported being surrounded by dolphins who were protecting them from sharks nearby.

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When we reach beyond our own cares and survival, to look after another, we're acting on God's divine design. We are creatures in sync with the sacred shape of eternity: God is Love.



The Rev. Joanne Swenson, Th.D.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mark your calendar for "Bach to Bossa Nova" — **Pipe Organ Concert at St. Dunstan's Church** in Carmel Valley, on **Saturday, October 15**. They are celebrating their new Dobson Tracker Organ with a concert of classical and modern music featuring Kimo Smith, DMA. Tickets for the **3 pm** concert are available at the door for a suggested donation of \$20 for adults; students and those under 18 attend free. A wine and cheese reception with Dr. Smith will follow the concert.

## Calendar

**Sunday October 16, 2016—Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost**  
**8:30 AM** Bible Study in the Multipurpose Room led by the Rev. Ken Feske  
Topic: Luke 18: 1-8  
**9:15 AM Chapel Concertino**  
**9:30 AM Morning Prayer**  
**Passages** Genesis 32:24-31; Psalm 121; Luke 18: 1-8  
**Lector** Lloyd Nattkemper  
**Crucifer** Cynthia Perry  
**Flowers** Arno and Linda Hanel  
**Cookies** Joe Stine and Francie Blinks  
**Ushers** Bob & Sandy Rice  
**Altar Care** Martha Jordan & Sandy Rice  
**Sermon** The Rev. Joanne M. Swenson, Th.D.  
**Title** "Pray About It All—Big and Small!"  
**Saturday, October 15, 3:00 pm**, organ concert at St. Dunstan's in Carmel Valley featuring Kimo Smith, DMA. Donation: \$20/door

This past Sunday, Church in the Forest held the "Blessing of the Animals" on the lawn by the church as well as down at the Pebble Beach Equestrian Center —Photos: Mary Wiltse

