

**Music Box**

DECEMBER 6, 2015 — ADVENT II

**Katherine Edison, soprano**  
**Robert Armstead, bass-baritone**  
**Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano & organ**

Er kennt die rechten Freudenstunden

from *Cantata 93*.....J. S. Bach (1685-1750)  
Lord of Life, King of Glory ..... Michaelangelo Grancini (1605-1669)  
Exultate Justi in Domino..... Adriano Banchieri (1568-1634)  
Herr, dein Mitleid from *Christmas Oratorio* .....J. S. Bach

*English translation:* Lord, your compassion, your mercy, console us and make us free. Your gracious favor and love, your wondrous desires make the love you have for us as a father again new.

Virga Jesse floruit from *Magnificat*.....J. S. Bach

*English translation:* The branch from Jesse blooms; a Virgin brings forth God and man: God restores peace, reconciling in Himself the lowest with the highest. Alleluia!

The King of Love My Shepherd Is..... Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)  
The Gift of Love ..... American Folk Hymn, arr. By Hal Hopson

Von Himmel hoch da komm ich her BWV 700.....J. S. Bach

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.  
Serve the Lord with gladness:  
come before his presence with singing.

—*Psalm 100*

*Melinda Coffey Armstead*



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Monday morning, November 30, 2015

Dear Members and Friends,

The other day a friend sent me a charming, uplifting and inspiring email. A group of people had choreographed an assembly in a certain shopping mall. I believe they are called “Flash Mobs” where a group of people gather in a public space and mingle with, in this case, a bunch of shoppers in a mall. Then a trio starts to sing about the love, hope and joy of Christmas. The others belonging to “the mob” chimed in so that in a few minutes bus loads of people are singing their hearts out. Frankly, I needed to hear that and turned the sound way up on my computer.

I, like you, had just been listening and watching the horrible tragedies covered on our news, where one disturbed man entered a clinic and shot and killed innocent people. Then there is the hatred and killings by ISIS followers!

What is to become of us as a society? For me, it points again to the real meaning of Christmas: to be open to the love of the God of all Grace and to treat each other as brothers and sisters regardless of religious beliefs.

Let us pray, as we move towards the birth of a baby who brought love and acceptance into our world, and call upon God to saturate the people of the world with love and peace. God knows that is what the world needs!

Last Sunday we lit the candle of HOPE. This Sunday, we will light the Candle of PEACE! The peace of Christ be with you all!

I look forward to seeing you in church,



William B. Rolland

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** In this season of gratitude, expectation and sharing, might you consider helping the Salvation Army by ringing the bell at the Pebble Beach Post Office beginning the day after Thanksgiving? **Judy Stayduhar** will be taking sign-ups on Sunday during the coffee hour or you may call **655-4985** to schedule a time.

We are sorry to let you know of the passing of **Richard Zahm** last week after a lengthy illness. Please keep **Nancy** and the family in your prayers.

## Calendar

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 6, 2015, Advent II</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	NO Bible Study this date! Will resume December 13
<b>9:15 AM</b>	<b>Music Prelude</b>
<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Passages</b>	Isaiah 40: 1-11; Psalm 126; Mark 1:1-8
	<b>Lector</b> Dick Crowell
	<b>Crucifer</b> Skip Lord
	<b>Flowers</b> Dick & Sheila Crowell
	<b>Cookies</b> Rae Janzen and Marge Moore
	<b>Ushers</b> Cynthia Perry and Evelyn Musavi
	<b>Oblation Bearer</b> Liz Lord
	<b>Prayers of the People</b> Mia Jarick
	<b>Altar Care</b> Martha Jordan and Sandy Rice
<b>Sermon</b>	the Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland
<b>Title</b>	“On your mark, get set, wait!”
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 12, 2015, 3:00 pm.</b> Decorate the tree at CitF
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 13, 2015, Advent III</b>