

Music Box

APRIL 6, 2014

Melinda Coffey Armstead, organ

Music of Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Fugue in C, BWV 952

Adagio from Toccata, Adagio and Fugue, BWV 564

Praeludium XV in G, WTC I

Chorale Prelude on "Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr," BWV 715

Praeludium I in C, WTC II

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Sarabande from Partita in B minor

Now Thank We All Our God from Cantata 79arr. by Virgil Fox

There is a story about Bach (J.S., not Offen) which is probably true. He was Kapellmeister at Thomaskirche in Leipzig for the last 27 years of his life. A three-hour service tending to the dark side of the Lutheran spectrum was what he had to look forward to every Sunday. And no doubt he did look forward to it, as he was as devout as the next guy, and devouter than most. Still, the traditional dependence on repetition from one Sunday to the next was probably less compelling to a genius like Bach than to your average citizen, who would have gone home afterwards to watch reruns of "Das Boot," had it been available. And it goes without saying that three hours is a long time to listen to a single German sentence, laced though it may have been with bits of cast iron intellectual shrapnel (Gusseisenschrapnelstückgerede). Anyway, he found he could slip away to a nearby coffeehouse for a cup or two between the parts of a separable verb and get back in time for grammatical closure. Alas, they nailed him in the act, threatening to fire him as well as throw him in jail. For you can't fool the Lutheran clergy for long, not with coffee on your breath.

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Monday morning, March 31, 2014

Dear Members and Friends,

A Lesson in Lent

We're approaching the end of the Lenten Season, and I thought we could examine what that means for each of us. Sunday after this is Palm Sunday!

As far as I'm concerned, it's all about love! Jesus, who came to live among us to reveal to the world the infinite love of God, calls us to love each other as he has shown us. But what does that mean for us?

To begin with, to love as Jesus loves us is to hand over our life itself for a beloved friend or a stranger. To love as Jesus loves us is to accept each other just as we are, with all our differences and our dissimilar ways of being, and even our ways of understanding God. To love as Jesus loves us is to serve with love and humility all persons who are around us, always looking out for their well-being, for justice, peace and harmony in whatever we undertake to enrich our lives and to carry out our dreams of a better way of living every single day. To love as Jesus loves us is the way we commit ourselves to be agents of change in our communities, struggling together in solidarity and for the common good. As Jesus' words expressed it, the whole world will know that we are his disciples when we witness the love that we have for one another.

Jesus said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. —*John 13:34-35*

The church will be beautifully decorated for Easter and you can help make that happen by signing up to dedicate a lily or two.

See you in church.



William B. Rolland

— **LENTEN STUDY** with the Rev. Ken Feske —

Wednesday, April 2, 3- 6 pm

(stop by for ten minutes or more)

Self-Directed Meditation, **Multi-purpose Room**

Focus: "Quietness with the Almighty and the power and peace of prayer."

Group Study, **Sanctuary, 5:30-6:15 pm**

The Bible and Handel's Messiah.

"Why Do The Nations Rage" (II, 36) through "Thou Shalt Break Them with a Rod" (II, 38) based on Psalm 2.

Light refreshments and conversation follows with Ken Feske

PLEASE NOTE: Parking in the "Faculty parking" marked area by the side of the church by the back steps to the church and office **IS** available on Sundays for church use. The parking assigned for faculty only applies to school days, so feel free to park there. However, spaces reserved for resident "houses" are off limits for us. These people live on campus and have 24-hour reserved parking spaces.

Calendar

Sunday, April 6, 2014

8:30 AM Bible Study with the Rev. Charles Anker. Conclusion: David, A Man of Passion & Destiny. 2 Samuel Chapter 24 and 1 Kings Chapters 1 & 2

9:15 AM **Music Prelude**

9:30 AM **Holy Communion**

Passages Ezekiel 37: 1-14; Psalm: 130; John 11: 1-6, 17-23, 34-45

Lector Robert Perry

Crucifer Skip Lord & Cynthia Perry

Flowers Bob and Sandy Rice

Cookies Michele & Bob Axley

Oblation Bearer Liz Lord

Prayers of the People Howard Colehower

Altar Care Martha Jordan and Leonora Branca

Ushers Ken and Jean White

Sermon The Rev. Ken Feske

Title "Why Wait?"

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