

Music Box

— JULY 29, 2012 —

Melinda Coffey Armstead, organ

Pieces for a Musical Clock Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

Allegro Moderato in C, Allegretto in F, Menuett in C

Andantino in F, Menuett in C, Menuett in F

Andante in C, Scherzo “Der Kaffeeplatsch”, Menuett in C

Allegro in C, Allegretto in G, Grenadier March

Song and Andante in C Haydn

Allegro in C Haydn

Haydn wrote 32 miniatures for musical clocks built by his pupil and friend, Pater Primitivus Niemecz, librarian to Haydn’s patron Prince Esterhazy. These were actually tiny mechanical organs consisting of a single rank of flute-toned, four-foot pipes. A timing mechanism activated a bellows and rotated a cylinder into which pegs had been inserted, like a music box: these pegs opened pallets that allowed wind to enter the desired pipes, an early form of a programmable computer except without the bugs, which nobody thought of until two centuries later. The three instruments for which Haydn wrote are dated 1789, 1792 and 1793.

Haydn and his pupil were obviously fascinated by time. However I already covered this topic next year in a definitive Music Box on time reversal, so there’s no point repeating it here.

I want to remind you of a child’s definition of time, which has never been surpassed: it is what keeps everything from happening at once.



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Monday morning, July 23, 2012

Dear members and friends,

Given that the sermon yesterday was on the subject of knowing oneself, here is a piece from C.S. Lewis that I have valued for many years. I rediscovered it in a birthday gift in 2010 from a dear friend in the church.

The Real Self

There must be a real giving up of the self. You must throw it away “blindly,” so to speak. Christ will indeed give you a real personality, but you must not go to Him for the sake of that. As long as your own personality is what you are bothering about you are not going to Him at all. The very first step is to try to forget about the self-altogether. Your real, new self (which is Christ’s and also yours, and yours just because it is His) will not come as long as you are looking for it. It will come when you are looking for Him. Does that sound strange? The same principle holds, you know for more everyday matters. Even in social life, you will never make a good impression on other people until you stop thinking about what sort of impression you are making. Even in literature and art, no man who bothers about originality will ever be original; whereas, if you simply try to tell the truth (without caring two-pence how often it has been told before) you will, nine times out of ten, become original without ever having noticed it. The principle runs through all life from top to bottom. Give up yourself, and you will find your

real self. Lose your life and you will save it. Submit to death, death of your ambitions and favorite wishes every day and Death of your whole body in the end; submit with every fiber of your being, and you will find eternal life. Keep back nothing. Nothing that you have not given away will be really yours. Nothing in you that has not died will ever be raised from the dead. Look for yourself, and you will find in the long run only hatred, loneliness, despair, rage, ruin, and decay. But look for Christ and you will find Him, and with Him everything else thrown in.

—From: *A year with C.S. Lewis, Daily Readings from His Classical Works*

See you in church,



William B. Rolland

Calendar

Sunday, July 29, 2012

8:30 AM Bible Study with the Rev. Charles Anker.
1 Peter 3: 18b – 20 and 4: 6, The Descent Into Hell (Part 1)

9:15 AM Music Prelude

9:30 AM Morning Prayer

Passages 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Psalm 15: 1-5; Matthew 5:1-12

Lector Theo Fowler

Crucifer Judy Fletcher

Flowers Michael and Victoria Carns

Cookies Theo Fowler and Linda Colehower

Altar Care Martha Jordan

Ushers Jack Davis and Howard Colehower

Sermon The Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland

Title Meeting Point—Where we meet God and where God meets us

Sunday, August 26, 2012, Church in the Forest 25th Anniversary Party
5:00 pm, Rosen Center