

Music Box

— SEPTEMBER 30, 2012 —

Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano and organ

I Will Say Goodbye (1969).....M. Legrand; arr. by Bill Evans
September Song (1938)..... Kurt Weill (1900–1950)
Indian Summer (1919)..... Victor Herbert (1859–1924)
Autumn Leaves (1955)Joseph Kosma, arr. by Roger Williams

“O Welt, ich müß dich lassen” Heinrich Isaak (1495)
Chorale Prelude on
“O Welt, Ich müß dich lassen” Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)
(O World, I Now Must Leave Thee)

The Fall of the Leaf..... Martin Pierson (1590–1650)
Little Prelude in D minor J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

Fall is falling at an accelerating rate, and the days are getting shorter, in nature’s perennial and unnecessary quest for long-term fairness. To accommodate nocturnal predators with longer working hours, evidently.

There is an old New Yorker cartoon where a woman who is too old to be up on a high step ladder nevertheless is, detaching the very last leaf from the top of a tree. The caption is “That’s it for fall!” (I categorically deny any such behavior, but I’m getting better.)

We’re largely spared the falling leaves, which by now have migrated east, where they can exploit forests of deciduous trees. “Deciduous” means “unable to make simple predictions about what is going to happen when the weather turns.”



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Monday morning, September 24, 2012

Dear Members and Friends,

Right around the time of Labor Day I preached a sermon that was built around the idea of work being a calling, a gift and a glory.

If you take a look into any hymnal you'll find many hymns devoted to the idea that we are called to work, and in so doing, discover a sense of meaning and glory. Hymns such as: "Work for the night is coming," Or "To the work to the work we are servants of God." And then one from my old *British Redemption Hymnal* that we used in my home church in Scotland, "Work for Jesus." Here is the first verse:

There's a work for Jesus, ready at your hand,
'Tis a task the Master just for you has planned,
Haste to do his bidding, yield Him service true,
There's a work for Jesus, none but you can do.


It was true then and is true now! In fact, C.S. Lewis writes about that very issue in his essay, "*Learning in War-Time*." He writes: "Do all to the glory of God, for there is no question of a compromise between the claims of God and the claims of culture, or politics, or anything else. God's claim is infinite and inexorable. You can refuse it, or you can begin to try to grant it. There is no middle way." Yet in spite of this it is clear that Christianity does not exclude any ordinary human activities. St. Paul tells people to get on with their jobs. "Whether we eat or drink or whatsoever you do, do all to the glory of God." All our mere natural activities will

be accepted, if they are offered to God, even the humblest of them, and all of them, even the noblest, will be sinful if they are not."

That says to me, in no uncertain terms, that our *work*, when offered to God, is a rare and magnificent gift. That thought would surely lift us from any sense of the mundane and raise our work to a spiritual gift to the almighty.

So, let's get on with it, and discover the very glory of God!

See you in church,


William B. Rolland

ANNOUNCEMENTS: We are sad to let you know that **Tootie Denahy** passed away suddenly on Saturday and that the family is planning a service of remembrance. We will keep you posted on the date. **Sam Griffith** is doing and looking well. **Ken White** is recuperating home in Carmel Valley and also doing well. **Luana Wilsey** continues to make progress at **CHOMP**. **Clive Dawson** is home at the Park Lane.

Calendar

Sunday, September 30, 2012

8:30 AM Bible Study with the Rev. Charles Anker.
Topic: 1 Peter 5: 1-4 (cont) Memories of Jesus

9:15 AM Music Prelude

9:30 AM Morning Prayer

Passages Isaiah 35:1,2; 5-10; Psalm 67; Matthew 7:24-37

Lector Bob Mulford

Crucifer Vicki Spranza

Flowers Janet and Niels Reimers

Cookies Cookie Captain

Altar Care Martha Jordan

Ushers Erl Lagerholm and Leslie Mulford

Sermon The Rev. Charles Anker

Title "Perfect Through Weakness"