

Music Box

NOVEMBER 23, 2014

**Laura Anderson, soprano
Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano & organ**

From “Moore's Irish Melodies”arr. by Benjamin Britten
(1913-1976)

How sweet the answer
At the mid hour of night

From “Blue Mountain Ballads”music by Paul Bowles (1910-1999)
Poems by Tennessee Williams (1911-1983)

“Cabin”
“Heavenly Grass”

Laudate Dominum from Solemn Vespers W. A. Mozart
(1756-1791)

Over the River and Through the Woods
Fugue in C..... Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Subtraction

I'm thankful for the mistakes I DIDN'T make,
The potholes I missed, real and not.
Like the girl I was smitten with in college and didn't marry,
(Not that I ever actually met her).
Or the firecrackers that didn't go off in my left ear,
Like the one that did in my right as I was throwing it,
But at least it didn't hit the car I was throwing it at.
Like the time I didn't trip my little brother,
Even if it was only because Mom and Dad were watching.
And now he's my wonderful brother and friend.
There's that job I didn't accept in Los Alamos,
Which means I'm here instead, deliriously happy,
And married to the girl I want to spend all my Thanksgivings with.
I could tell you some mistakes I DID make,
But that's another one I'm not going to make.

—RLA



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If you use the internet, why don't you have the weekly newsletter sent to you via email? It is fast, easy and saves the church money — here's what to do, Send an email to the office at: cift@mbay.net and ask Sherry to put you on the list. You will receive it early every week!

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Monday morning, November 17, 2014

Dear Members and Friends,

Sitting Just Quietly in God's Light

One the happiest parts of my life at present is the view out our kitchen window. It looks out on the beautiful Salinas Valley, a fertile valley of lettuce, broccoli, strawberry and raspberry fields and vineyards surrounded by hills. It is exquisite, and almost involuntarily we say, "How beautiful!"

Nature teaches us that we can live in the light of the sun all day, but what plants do involuntarily we are to do voluntarily. "Even as the trees, day by day, and month by month, stand and grow into beauty and fruitfulness, just welcoming whatever sunshine the sun may give, so it is the very highest exercise of our life just to abide in the light of God, and let it, and let God, fill us with the life and the brightness it brings." (—Andrew Murray, *Waiting On God*)

This is a beautiful picture of what it means to wait on God. Sitting still, enjoying the warmth and light of God's love, "just welcoming whatever sunshine the sun may give." I'm reminded of the children's story of Ferdinand the bull, who overcame the "distractions" of a bull fight by "sitting just quietly" in the sun and enjoying the flowers, a habit he had formed by long practice under a cork tree. Sitting just quietly....



See you in church,

Ken Feske

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Back in 1988, a wonderful member of the congregation, Nancy Gibson, donated a set of altar and pulpit hangings that represent and symbolize the liturgical calendar year. The only "holiday" that is not represented due to its secular nature, is Thanksgiving. As many churches throughout the land decorate the altar with the thanksgiving theme, so directing our eyes and hearts to thanksgiving to God for all that we have, the Liturgical Environment Committee asked folks in the church to bring a 9-inch square piece of material to make up an altar hanging to represent the congregation's thanks for all that God has done for us. I have seen the almost-finished article and know you will be pleased with this new addition to our church hangings. Thank you to the Committee for all of its hard work.

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.

A gentle reminder that many in our congregation are sensitive to strong scents, and others suffer from respiratory ailments that are exacerbated by perfumes and colognes. Please use fragrance sparingly on Sundays so that all may enjoy worship.

Last Sunday, CitF welcomed a delightful prodigy, Nicholas Brady. A photographic montage of his visit will be posted on the bulletin board, but is available on page three in the electronic version of this newsletter.

Calendar

Sunday, November 23, 2014 — Stewardship/Thanksgiving Sunday
8:30 AM Bible Study with the Rev. Charles Anker. The Gospel of Matthew
The Study of the Lord's Prayer cont. The Attack of Temptation. Matthew 6:13
9:15 AM Music Prelude
9:30 AM Morning Prayer
Passages 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18, 23-24; Psalm 118: 24-29; Luke 17: 11-19
Lector Bob Mulford
Crucifer Leslie Mulford
Flowers Robert & Rae Janzen
Cookies Paula Beckman
Altar Care Leonora Branca and Hamilton Dix-Fox
Ushers Sandy and Bob Rice
Sermon The Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland
Title "Authentic Thanksgiving"
Sunday, November 30, 2014 — Bill Rolland preaching, Advent I
Sunday, December 7, 2014 — Charles Anker preaching, Advent II

This past Sunday, Church in the Forest had the delightful opportunity to host Nicholas Brady, violin. This talented five-year-old entranced the congregation with his musical acumen as well as his charming presence. We see much success in your future, Nicholas. Thank you to you, your mom, your teacher and Hillet for sharing you with us.



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