

Music Box

— NOVEMBER 25, 2012 —

Melinda Coffey Armstead, organ

Fireworks Music George Frederick Handel (1685-1759)
arr. by E. Power Biggs

Overture, The Rejoicing, The Peace, Bourrée, Minuet Finale

Largo from the Opera “Xerxes” G. F. Handel

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)
(In the setting of G.F. Handel’s Prelude in G)

arr. by Cindy Berry

Handel’s father wanted him to be a lawyer, and forbade him even to go into a room containing musical instruments. Every teenager knows how to deal with a restriction like that, which in the present legal climate is probably actionable. And Handel seemed pretty much a teenager until he died at the age of 74. If he had been able to conceive of a field diametrically opposite to law he would probably have embraced it, but crime seems not to have occurred to him until years later, when he grabbed the soprano Francesca Cuzzoni by the waist and threatened to fling her out the window if she continued to refuse to sing the aria “Falsa imagine,.” from his opera *Ottone*. Composition and performance were apparently the occupations he deemed most likely to annoy his father, not that he didn’t turn out to have an actual flair for them.

He had a strong German accent when he spoke English, although not so much as when he spoke German. He cultivated a blistering temper which he wielded like a laser to help others see his point of view. Also he had a fine gift for irony, illustrated by a story paraphrased from Norman Lebrecht’s Book of Musical Anecdotes: Matthew Dubourg, an eminent violinist, was improvising a solo cadenza in a work conducted by Handel in Dublin. He wandered about a good while in different keys, bewildered and evidently uncertain of the original key, arriving at last at the trill signaling the end of the passage. Handel, to the great delight of the audience, cried out “You are welcome home, Mr Dubourg!”

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Monday morning, November 19, 2012

Dear Members and Friends,

A HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO YOU AND YOURS!

What is the essence of a thankful heart and why is Thanksgiving many American's favorite holiday? Is it the food, the harvest festivities, the gathering of family and friends? Is it all the outward things we take time to be grateful for?

Sometimes there are lots of outward things to feel thankful for, but sometimes not. What are we thankful for, and why?

There is that wonderful story in Luke's gospel, chapter seventeen, where Jesus heals the ten individuals with leprosy and only one comes by to say, "Thanks!" In so doing, that disciple of Jesus at that very moment acknowledged the divine energy, which shot through his body and healed him.


Gratitude is a lens on life, a posture, if you like. It's not a mere bright-side positive gratitude. It is an acknowledgement not just of the seen, but also of the unseen, that which endures through all our difficulties – lack, fear, strife, and health or relationship challenges. Gratitude is acknowledging the very presence of God, the operation of Love as Law, as the law of perpetual good, which is always available to each and everyone of us for the asking, no matter what the circumstances. It dispels our fears.

Thanks be to God!

A wee spiritual exercise for us in this Thanksgiving week:

1. Take a moment and light a candle for someone here present or in God's nearer presence for whom we are thankful.
2. Pick up the phone and give a call to someone who you think would benefit from hearing you say, "Thanks for being you."
3. Spend five minutes this week on your own and be in touch with your thankful heart.

Happy Thanksgiving and see you in church,


William B. Rolland

Calendar

Sunday, November 25, 2012 — Christ the King Sunday

8:30 AM Bible Study with the Rev. Charles Anker.

Topic: 2 Peter 2: 4-22

The Fate of the Wicked and the Rescue of the Righteous

9:15 AM **Music Prelude**

9:30 AM **Morning Prayer**

Passages 2 Samuel 5:1-5; Psalm 93: 1-5; John 18:28-40

Lector Judy Fletcher

Crucifer Natalie Stewart

Flowers Tom and Mary McCary

Cookies Cookie Captain

Altar Care Martha Jordan

Ushers Bob and Sandy Rice

Sermon The Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland

Title The Power of the Question