

Music Box

— II ADVENT — DECEMBER 9, 2012 —

**Katherine Edison, soprano
Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano & organ**

- Gedenk' an uns mit deiner Liebe (Cantata 29)J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
(Think of us with your love)
- Tota pulchra es, Maria.....Ernest Chausson (1855-1899)
- Mariä Wiegenlied.....Max Reger (1873-1916)
(The Virgin's Slumber song)
- Schlafendes Jesuskind.....E. F. Mörike/Hugo Wolf (1860-1903)
(The sleeping baby Jesus)
- Alleluia.....Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)
- Come Sing and Dance.....Herbert Howells (1892-1983)
- Noël..... Louis Claude Daquin (1694-1772)

Tota pulchra es is an old Catholic prayer, written in the fourth century. It is one of the five antiphons for the psalms of Second Vespers for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The title means “You are all beautiful” (referring to the Virgin Mary). It takes some text from the book of Judith, and other text from Song of Songs, specifically 4:7.

Tota pulchra es, Maria,
 et macula originalis non est in te.
 Vestimentum tuum candidum quasi nix, et facies tua sicut sol.
 Tota pulchra es, Maria,
 et macula originalis non est in te.
 Tu gloria Jerusalem, tu laetitia Israel, tu honorificentia populi nostri.
 Tota pulchra es, Maria.

You are all beautiful, Mary,
 and the original stain [of sin] is not in you.
 Your clothing is white as snow, and your face is like the sun.
 You are all beautiful, Mary,
 and the original stain is not in you.
 You are the glory of Jerusalem, you are the joy of Israel, you give honour
 to our people.
 You are all beautiful, Mary.

Melinda Coffey Armstead



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Monday morning, December 3, 2012

Dear Members and Friends,

Advent is, in my mind, such a magical time—a time of the “in-between,” when we struggle with the issues of our ordinary day-to-day lives as well as the depressing news headlines from all around the world... over which we have little or no control. I find that position impacting me as a mere listener with a sometimes demoralizing, passive/aggressive mind set and reaction. How can I find God’s presence and power in such distracting and challenging times?

Truth be told, that sense of discomfort and questioning is not only true in the Advent season but all year round. However, for me it now feels more acute, demanding, and aggressively trying to capture my attention. That can result in a sense of tiredness and even fatigue.

May I suggest that we take these Advent days and channel them into positive and life-giving moments. I know that I have, too, at times, searched for that meaning and spiritual comfort, but the truth is that the God of all grace is there by our side in these Advent days as well as any others that are gifted to us.

Here are some words from Siegfried Loraine Sassoon, 1886–1967, CBE, MC, an English poet, author and soldier. Decorated for bravery on the Western Front, he became one of the leading poets of the First World War.


Time, that anticipates eternities
And has an art to resurrect the rose;
Time, whose last siren song at evening blows
With sun-flushed cloud shoreward on toppling seas;
Time, arched by planets lonely in the vast
Sadness that darkens with the fall of the day;

Time, unexplored Elysium; and gray
Death shadow’d pyramid that we have named the past –
Magnanimous time, patient with man’s vain glory;
Ambitious road; Lethe’s awaited guest;
Time, hearkener to the stumbling passionate story
Of human failure humanly confessed;
Time, on whose stair we dream our hopes of heaven,
Help us to judge ourselves, and be shriven.

Please join us after church this **Sunday, December 9**, for Kay’s farewell coffee hour and time to say a sincere “Thank you” for her many years of love and service to our congregation.

Bring a friend this Advent and share the Spirit of God through the Church in the Forest.

See you in church,


William B. Rolland

Calendar

Sunday, December 9, 2012 — II Advent

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

9:15 AM Music Prelude

9:30 AM Morning Prayer

Passages Philippians 1:1-11; Psalm 126:1-6; Luke 3:1-6

Lector Bob Mulford

Crucifer Rae Janzen

Flowers Dick & Sheila Crowell

Cookies Tonneke & Wim van der Linden and Nancy Reiley

Altar Care Kathryn Lawrence and Holly Tunstall

Ushers Bob Janzen and Erl Lagerholm

Sermon The Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland

Title “Time Was...”

Saturday, December 8, 2012, 2:00 pm, Memorial for Luana Wilsey at CitF

Saturday, December 15, 2012 — Dressing of the Church, 10:00 am

The 2013 Flower Rota is posted on the bulletin board.