

**Music Box**

— ADVENT III — DECEMBER 15, 2013 —

**ARIA - A Women's Ensemble**  
**Dr. Sean Boulware, conductor**  
**Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano & organ**

Shir Ha-Shirim.....Yehudi Wyner  
Even When God Is Silent.....Michael Horvit  
Shiru L'Adonai.....Zebulon M. Highben  
  
Ani Ma'Amin.....arranged by John Leavitt

*English translation of Ani ma' amin*

I believe with a complete belief,  
in the coming of the Messiah,  
Even though he may tarry,  
even so, I believe.

Partita for Advent on  
“How Shall I Receive Thee?” ..... Piet Post (1919-1979)

A warm welcome to **ARIA**, one of two choirs under the umbrella of the Monterey Peninsula Choral Society, both directed by **Sean Boulware**. **ARIA** is an auditioned women's choir that was formed in January, 2012. Its sister choir, **Monterey Peninsula Voices**, a mixed-voices community choir, has a pair of concerts next weekend: “Simple Gifts” — “Holiday music that will warm your heart and bring joy to your life” on Saturday, December 14 at 8 PM at the Pacific Grove Performing Arts Center (835 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove), and on Sunday December 15 at 2 PM at All Saints' Church (Dolores and 9th Ave, Carmel). Tickets are \$15 for seniors and military, \$10 for youth, \$25 for all others.

EnJOY!



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Monday morning, December 9, 2013

Dear Members and Friends,

The Sunday sermon was about making sense of history and, unfortunately I failed to mention a giant of a man who really has made history in our day—Nelson Mandela, who died last Thursday. What a man! And what a huge contribution he has made to our world in accepting “the other,” whether that is a different skin color or religious belief system, or anything else that would divide us. He served twenty-seven years in prison to prove that “a Man’s a Man for all that, that brothers we should be for all that.” He was a man who changed a nation and improved the whole world, making our time here more meaningful and honoring to God.

When Hamlet spoke about his time being out of joint he could well have been speaking about today. Look on just about every front and we see trouble. I don’t know, but it seems to me all people talk like that from time to time. Read the history of any age and people complained of high taxes and unruly youth, the high cost of living, increase in crime, corruption in politics. I wonder if we really can say, and get away with it that we’re worse off today than ever before.

I think that viewing a few reels of history backwards would dissuade us from ever wanting to return to a previous age. Sure, we have more weapons of warfare than ever before, poverty and disease are as rampant as ever in some parts of the world, and yes, there certainly is corruption around our globe, even in our own at times, but more people are more aware and informed of the problems and doing more about them than ever before.

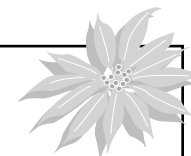
We’re not worse off, we just see less and less excuse for not being better off. Emerson said something to the effect that, “this time, like all time, is a good time, if we just knew how to use it!” Nelson Mandela used it—and what a legacy he left behind!

See you in church,



William B. Rolland

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### Calendar

**Sunday, December 15, 2013 — Third Sunday of Advent**

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

David in Saul’s Service: 1 Samuel 16: 14 - 23

David and Goliath: 1 Samuel 17: 1 – 58

**9:15 AM Music Prelude**

**9:30 AM Morning Prayer**

**Passages** Isaiah 61:1-4; Psalm 146; Luke 2: 8-20

**Lector** Phil Bowhay

**Crucifer** Judy Fletcher

**Flowers** Linda Banner

**Cookies** John & Lizlene Didone

**Altar Care** Leonora Branca and Martha Jordan

**Ushers** Linda Banner and Jack Davis

**Sermon** The Rev. Charles Anker

**Title** “Joy”