

**Music Box**

JANUARY 17, 2016

**Linda Mehrabian, cello**  
**Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano & organ**

- Prelude in D ..... J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
- Sonata for Cello and Keyboard..... Arcangelo Corelli (1653-1713)
- Preludio Allemanda Sarabanda Giga
- Après un rêve ..... Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)
- Rondeau from Abdelazer ..... Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

Linda Mehrabian began her professional career as a cellist at the age of sixteen as the youngest member of the San Diego Symphony and remained a member of that orchestra for the subsequent six years. She attended the USIU School of Performing Arts where she studied with the Czech cellist Milos Sadlo. Her other distinguished mentors included Joseph Di Tullio, Edgar Lustgarten, and Daniel Rothmuller. For fourteen years, Linda was an active Los Angeles studio musician, working on numerous movie scores and record albums with major celebrities. She also pursued a demanding career that included solo and chamber music performances and work with the Glendale Symphony and Los Angeles Philharmonic.

Linda has toured and soloed with many celebrities, including Burt Bacharach and Dinah Shore. She also has performed on recordings and live performances for Van Cliburn, Sammy Davis, Jr., Aretha Franklin, James Galway, Olivia Newton John, Liberace, Ramsey Lewis, Henry Mancini, Bette Midler, Luciano Pavarotti, Smokey Robinson, Frank Sinatra, The Spinners, Rod Stewart, Barbara Streisand, Dionne Warwick, John Williams, and many others.

After moving to Monterey in 1989, Linda began to participate in chamber and symphonic performances of the Mozart in Monterey Festival. Since 1992, she has served as a regularly performing member of the Monterey County Symphony Orchestra. When not traveling, Linda enjoys performing solo cello and chamber music at various weddings, parties, and corporate events in Monterey Peninsula.

Please give her your warmest welcome!

*Melinda Coffey Armstead*



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Monday morning, January 11, 2016

Dear Congregation,

## Sunday Evening Reflection...

We looked at Jesus' first miracle... turning water into wine at a wedding in a small rural community. Not changing the world's food sources/production, not ending or decreasing humanity's inhumanity, but making sure people were happy. As this day draws to a close here is a prayer from Father Michael Quoist in his book *New Prayers*.

I don't know why Lord, but when I was praying this morning I suddenly realized that I never imagine you laughing, laughing a really resounding laugh, echoing in waves, one after another.

I imagine you calm and peaceful, occasionally smiling but above all serious and at times weeping.

I have some strange idea, Lord, but what do you expect? Thinking of you so close, so like us, makes me happy. I'm amazed we're not happier, and it hurts me to see us looking too serious when we speak about you.

Perhaps the people around us would have more faith in you if we were more joyful and they could see the joy.

I want to say to you this evening, Lord,  
'Make me laugh!'

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Yes, Lord, that's my strange prayer...  
make me laugh, so that I in my turn  
can make my brothers and sisters laugh.  
They really need it too.

See you in Church



Ken Feske

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Please contact the church office if you would like to order pledge envelopes. Having them the previous year does not ensure having them this year!

*Save the Date:* Second Annual **Robert Burns Supper** on **Sunday, January 24, 2016**, at Quail Lodge. [www.quaillodge.com](http://www.quaillodge.com)

Sign-ups? We would love your help with our services: lay reader, crucifer, usher, flower donator, and the ever-popular cookie purveyor. Please stop by the bulletin board at church and sign your "John Hancock" to become instantly popular.

We are sorry to let you know of the recent passing of Joan Volberg and Jayne McClurg.

### Calendar

**Sunday January 17, 2016 — Second Sunday of Christmas**

**8:30 AM** NO Bible Study this week. Will resume 01/24 with *Hosea 4-11*

**9:15 AM** **Music Prelude**

**9:30 AM** **Morning Prayer**

**Passages** Job 23: 1-7; Psalm 132:1-5, 13-15; Luke 15:11-32

**Lector** Dennis Riley

**Crucifer** Judy Fletcher

**Flowers** Vinz & Barbara Hake

**Cookies** Leslie Buck

**Ushers** Sandy and Bob Rice

**Altar Care** Sandy Rice & Martha Jordan

**Sermon** the Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland

**Title** "What does it mean to find God?"

**Sunday, January 17, 2016** — Memorial service for Don McBride at 1:00 pm

**Sunday, January 31, 2016** — Semi-annual meeting of the Congregation to approve the budget for 2016

**Saturday, February 6, 2016** — Memorial service for Richard Zahm at 1:00 pm