

# Church in the Forest

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Monday morning, May 7, 2018

Dear Friends,

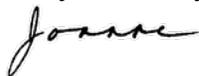
Every mother I've known has been a planner by natural temperament, or fashioned by the force of the job. Calendars are maintained, pantry shelves stocked, wardrobes purchased, transportation strategized—all that even before the baby comes home! Then, these little people disrupt our plans with their unpredictable personalities and problems.

Last year Andrew Solomon published a book, *Far From the Tree*, a study of how very different parents and children can be. In its opening lines, Solomon warns, "There is no such thing as reproduction.... Parents do not reproduce themselves, like two ropes braiding themselves together.... Parenthood abruptly catapults us into a permanent relationship with a stranger."

Yes, we moms are not even raising the children we **planned**, but strangers!

This Sunday we celebrate Mother's Day at our church, continuing our sermon series on the Letter of James. James has pointed words for planners—especially for moms and anyone dealing with life's unpredictability.

See you Sunday!



The Reverend Joanne Swenson, Th.D.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** Do you like to sing? Join fellow CitF members **Sunday, May 20**, during coffee hour to explore formation of a part-time choir. If you might be interested, contact Leslie Muford: lesliemulford@gmail.com; 831-915-7776. (Pianists, we also need you to accompany our rehearsals!)

## Calendar

**Sunday May 13, 2018 — Seventh Sunday of Easter  
Celebrating Mother's Day**

**8:30 AM** Bible Study in the Multipurpose Room led by the Reverend Ken Feske. Topic: James 4:13–17

**9:15 AM Chapel Concertino**

**9:30 AM Morning Prayer**

**Passages** Proverbs 31: 10–31; Psalm 37 (selected verses); James 4:13–17

**Lector** Bruce Rosnes

**Crucifer** Judy Fletcher

**Cookies** CitF Hospitality Team

**Flowers** Phyllis and Bruce Rosnes

**Ushers** Wim & Tonneke van der Linden

**Altar Care** Linda Mackie, Shirley Temple, Andrea Thatcher

**Sermon** The Reverend Joanne M. Swenson, Th.D.

**Title** There's an App for That! A Sermon Series on James

**This Sunday:** "A Mom's Life: Un-Predictability, Plans and Promises"

**Message from Sherry:** Sincere thanks to all of you for the affectionate sentiments, notes and the warm and loving tribute to me Sunday at our Spring Brunch. I am truly humbled and blessed. After a brief break to attend to some business out of town, I will be in the pews worshipping with you!

We are getting ready to order the next round of plaques for the *Memorial Garden*. If you wish to have one placed, please contact Bob Janzen, 655-5113, or at raejanzen@sbcglobal.net for details

Missed a recent church service? Want to listen again to a sermon? Go to our podcasts: <http://www.churchintheforest.org/worship-service-podcast.html>

**SMALL GROUPS:** *These are gatherings where CitF members and friends can explore faith and deepen fellowship.*

- The *Small Group Bible Study* is held each **Sunday at 8:30 AM** in the Multipurpose Room where the topic is the sermon Bible lesson of the day.
- The *Men's Small Group* gathers **May 10, 10–11:30 AM** in the Multi-purpose Room, currently studying the Book of John.
- *Women's Bible Study Small Group* gathers **May 10, 10:30 am–12:00**, at the Beach and Tennis Club. Always free and newcomers welcome; come and explore!
- *Sisters in the Forest Small Group* meets **May 17, 12 noon–1:15 pm**, at Linda Mackie's, 3110 Bird Rock Road, Pebble Beach. All women welcome.

**Music Box**

MAY 13, 2018

**Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano & organ**

*CHAPEL CONCERTINO FOR MOTHER'S DAY*

Kinderszenen (Scenes from Childhood)

Op. 15.....Robert Schumann (1810-1856)

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| 1. From foreign Lands and People | 8. By the Fireside             |
| 2. Curious Story                 | 9. Knight of the Rocking Horse |
| 3. Catch Me                      | 10. Almost Too Serious         |
| 4. Entreating Child              | 11. Frightening                |
| 5. Perfect Happiness             | 12. Child Falling Asleep       |
| 6. Important Event               | 13. The Poet Speaks            |
| 7. Dreaming                      |                                |

Arabesque Op. 18.....R. Schumann

Fugue Op. 16 No. 2.....Clara Schumann (1819-1896)

Clara Wieck was a beautiful, phenomenally-talented child prodigy, a composer and pianist acclaimed throughout Europe by the age of 15. Robert Schumann, a law-school dropout, was manic depressive, suicidal, and haunted by fears of familial insanity, yet her father opposed the marriage. In fact he went to court to stop it; it took him three years of litigation to learn the lesson most fathers learn without such big legal fees. So at age 20, having a clear sense of what was best for everyone, she became Clara Wieck Schumann and supported Robert in his career as a pianist and composer. While maintaining her own career as concert pianist, she gave birth to eight children (one died in infancy). Raising them could have been a distraction, but that's just my opinion.

Robert's best works are collections of miniatures; he had a genius for keyboard writing, poignant use of dissonance, and an unwillingness to stoop to the level of popular taste. While he was composing, Clara was not permitted to practice, and the children had to keep quiet. Tension in the household is not unimaginable. If Mother's Day had been invented, she would have been overqualified and unable to take the time to celebrate it.




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