

Church in the Forest

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Monday morning, May 14, 2018

Dear Friends,

When our son Erik gets off work in Shanghai, he bikes down to the Bund, that riverfront area of neon-lit towers, bridges and grassy plazas. And there he works out with a group of young adults from around the world. They call themselves the “FitFam,” and that’s what they really are: they’re like family... they count each other’s push-ups, cheer each other on, text those who are missing, eat together after the workout, offer tips about jobs, housing and travel. (And, although they are a family, there have been some romances.) [Click here](#) to see some photos—Erik is the blonde, in blue t-shirt and black shorts.

This is a Pentecost Moment. And it’s also happening here—in our Monterey area and in our personal lives. We’re living and collaborating and celebrating with people across cultures and languages.

But the last few years have also revealed we’re having Pentecost Pain: isolationism, nativism, bigotry and even violence against people of different religions, ethnicity and national origin.

This Sunday’s Scripture lessons are breath-taking in their relevance to our Pentecost Moment. Join us to be inspired by Pentecost and God’s plan for our “FitFam.”

See you Sunday!



The Reverend Joanne Swenson, Th.D.

Calendar

Sunday May 20, 2018 — Day of Pentecost — wear red!

8:30 AM Bible Study in the Multipurpose Room led by the Reverend Ken Feske. Topic: James 2: 1–8

9:15 AM Chapel Concertino

9:30 AM Morning Prayer

Passages Acts 2: 1–18; Psalm 133; James 2: 1–8

Lector Evelyn Musavi

Crucifer Leslie Mulford

Cookies Linda Banner

Flowers Pete and Jackie Henning

Ushers Linda Banner and Jack Davis

Altar Care Alison Burleigh and Andrea Thatcher

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

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

This Sunday: “Diversity and Division”

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

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!)

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 17, 10–11:30 AM** in the Multi-purpose Room, currently studying the Book of John.
- *Women’s Bible Study Small Group* gathers **May 24, 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

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

CHAPEL CONCERTINO

- Dans les ruines d'une abbaye..... Victor Hugo/
Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)
- I never knew..... Lotte Lehmann/Ned Rorem (b. 1923)
- in Spring comes..... e.e. cummings/Dominick Argento (b. 1927)
- Phrase..... Arthur Rimbaud/Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)
- Frühlingsglaube..... L. Uhland/Franz Schubert (1797-1828)
- Loveliest of Trees..... A.E. Housman/John Duke (1899-1984)
- The Year's at the Spring..... Robert Browning/
Amy Beach (1867-1944)

- Vocalise Op. 34 No. 14..... Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943)

- Sortie—Allegretto un poco maestoso César Franck (1822-1890)

Glacier Point

To see Yosemite in spring:
Waterfalls spray laughter,
Dogwood exhales the season,
Half Dome grandeur tells you not to boast,
Yet embraces you as nature's dream.

—RLA

Melinda Coffey Armstead



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