

Music Box

MAY 21, 2017

Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano & organ

CHAPEL CONCERTINO

Fantasia, Op. 17Robert Schumann (1810-1856)
III. Lento sostenuto e sempre piano

Song Without Words, Op 62 No. 4..... Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Song Without Words, Op. 19 No. 3 Felix Mendelssohn
Molto Allegro e vivace

Prelude XV in G, WTC IJ. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Pulitzer-Prize (for “A Thousand Acres”) novelist Jane Smiley wrote the brilliant novel “Horse Heaven” in 1997, which inspired Taelen Thomas (collaborating with Jane Smiley and, ahem, yours truly) to compose an exuberant musical tribute to the principal comic character, a racehorse named Justa Bob, an animal of unprepossessing appearance, laid back but ready to pounce, who wins his races by sticking his photo-finish nose out in the last microsecond just far enough to get it across the line first. Except for the time the jealous horse in second place reaches over and plucks Justa Bob’s jockey out of the saddle with his teeth. Come to the performance [Sunday, May 21, Hidden Valley, 2:30 pm, admission \$20 at the door] to get the details of this incident, based on an actual race, as predicted by King Solomon (who had 700 wives and 300 concubines, giving “The Wisdom of Solomon” a delicious irony) in Ecclesiastes:

“... the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all.”

These scenes will be delicately laced with the music of Mendelssohn, Schumann, Chopin, Rachmaninoff, Bach, Mozart, and others. That some of these same pieces appear in today’s service is a bizarre coincidence.

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Monday morning, May 15, 2017

Dear Friends,

In 1985, St. John's head coach, Lou Carnesecca, received a gift from an Italian basketball coach—a striped sweater. Carnesecca wore the sweater one game and the team had a big last minute win—it became “the lucky sweater.” He wore the sweater every game for the next eighteen games—St. John's had a nineteen game winning streak going. When the team members saw the sweater walk onto the court, they knew they had the game won... it became a symbol of their success.

But the day of the championship game against Georgetown, Hoyas Coach, John Thompson, walked into Madison Square garden with a sport coat on, strolled over to the St. John's team, opened that coat and flashed the team and the crowd. Underneath his coat he had on the exact same sweater as Carnesecca. He had gotten a replica made—and he was quoted as saying “There is no lucky sweater. We've got one too.”

The plan worked. Georgetown crushed St. John's 85-69. In fact, the game is called “The John Thompson Sweater Game.”

The lesson? Sometimes we let our “sweaters” determine who we are: the things we wear on the outside; the way we act or treat each other; the behaviors we exhibit, good or bad. Those *behaviors* don't determine who we are inside

In this Sunday's lesson we are implored to understand that regardless of how we act on the outside, regardless of whether we feel the Spirit, we are never without God.

If one looks deep within, one runs right into the Spirit that lives and abides in us because God is *there* no matter what we see or feel or think. We're never alone. Present in every breath in and out is the Helper, the Comforter, the Advocate, the Counselor—not judging nor rejecting us, but loving us always. Let's celebrate together this truth!

See you in church,


The Rev. Ken Feske

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Consider making your relationship with Church in the Forest “official”! You don't have to give up membership in another church—just contact the office at citf@mbay.net (831-624-1374) and then come to church on **Sunday, May 21**, for a simple ritual of fellowship during the worship service. Plan on joining our leaders for a fun brunch following at the Pastor's Manse, 2912 Ransford Avenue, Pacific Grove.

We are getting ready to order the next round of plaques for the *Memorial Garden*. Please contact **Sherry** at the church or **Bob Janzen**, 655-5113, or raejanzen@sbcglobal.net for details.

Small Groups are gatherings where CitF members and new friends can explore questions of faith and deepen fellowship. These groups are open to visitors who wish to find out more and experience a meeting.

The next “Hands-on Service Group” meeting will be **Thursday, May 18, 10–11:30 AM**, at **Judie Higgins'** house, Del Mesa Carmel, # 149. We're reading, “Falling Upward,” by Richard Rohr, and researching service opportunities in our area.

The next *BIG/SMALL Group* meeting will be **Tuesday, May 23, 5–6:30 PM**, at the home of **Ruth Horn**, 10 Windsor Rise, next door to the home of **Bob and Sandy Rice**. We share our BIG questions about religion, combining learning with personal experiences, empathy, tears and laughter.

Calendar

Sunday	May 21, 2017 — Sixth Sunday of Easter Reception of New Members
8:30 AM	Bible Study in the Multipurpose Room led by the Rev. Ken Feske Topic: John 14: 15–21
9:15 AM	Chapel Concertino
9:30 AM	Morning Prayer
Passages	I Peter 3: 13–18; Psalm 66: 8–10, 16–20; John 14: 15–21 Lector Lettie Bennett Crucifer Marilyn Gorman Flowers Pete and Jackie Henning Cookies Stevenson Graduation—no Fellowship on Sunday! Ushers Arlen and Cindy Lackey Altar Care Shirley Temple and Andrea Thatcher
Sermon	The Rev. Ken Feske
Title	Sermon Series: “Life's Comings and Goings” This Sunday: “Truth Goes In; Love Comes Out”
Friday	June 9, Celebration of Life for Joan Thompson, 11 am , at CitF