

Music Box

MAY 29, 2016

David Dally, violin
Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano & organ

Music of Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1759)
Arranged with keyboard accompaniment
by Robert Schumann (1810-1856)

Sonata in C Major:

- I. Adagio
- II. Fuga – Alla breve
- III. Largo
- IV. Allegro assai

The endeavor to communicate with extraterrestrial intelligence has serious obstacles. First of all, the closest potential neighbors in the galaxy are 100 light-years away. There are going to be some very long pauses in such a conversation. The barest amenities, on which we rely for opening conversations: “Hello, are you there?” from us, followed by “Yes, hello,” from them will take 200 years at least. By that time we may have forgotten what we had in mind. We could begin by sending out news of ourselves, like a Christmas letter, but we would have to choose our items carefully, with durability of meaning in mind, or the conversation will be an embarrassment to all concerned.

Perhaps the safest thing to do at the outset is to send music. This may be the best we have for explaining what we are like to others in space, with least ambiguity. I would vote for Bach, streamed out into space, over and over again. We would be bragging, of course, but it is surely excusable for us to put the best possible face on at the beginning of such an acquaintance. We can tell the harder truths later.

—Lewis Thomas (1913-1993)
from “*The Lives of a Cell*,” 1974



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Monday morning, May 23, 2016

Dear Members and Friends,

It was a busy weekend around here with Stevenson Graduation, where we had one of the larger crowds and perhaps the largest ever. I am always amazed at the quality of these young graduates. They have worked really hard at making a mark in so many positive ways that not only, but certainly, includes their GPA and the colleges to which they have been accepted. I often wonder, and sometimes share with these young people, that I am not sure that I could make it through a school like this. I know back when I was seventeen, I wouldn't have had a chance! So, I applaud this graduating class of 2016 for their stamina, stick-ability and the maturity that they portray. They will do well wherever they go and whatever career they choose.

I often have thought of developing a course on subjects such as world religions, where the church and the students could be involved in a seminar style of program, where speakers from various religious traditions come and share their stories with both the Stevenson student body as well as members and friends of Church in the Forest. I'll take that suggestion up with the "powers that be" and see where it goes.

This will also afford us the opportunity as members of CitF to get to know these young people and then hold them in our thoughts and prayers as they graduate and go out to make a difference for good in the world. In fact, I recall one of our members, Judy Stayduhar, some time ago made a connection with one family and reached out to care for two sisters who graduated a few years ago and who still talk about those years of feeling that they had someone to lean on right here.

Thanks to each of you for making the Church in the Forest such a welcoming place and showing the love of God through our acceptance and care.

Thank you and God Bless you!

See you in Church,



William B. Rolland

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There are many of them—please note upcoming events in the calendar section below!

Calendar

Sunday May 29, 2016—Observing Memorial Day
8:30 AM Bible Study in the Multipurpose Room led by the Rev. Ken Feske
“Hearing in holy places, lived in the market place” —*James 1: 22-27*
9:15 AM **Music Prelude**
9:30 AM **Morning Prayer**
Passages Zechariah 8:16-23; Psalm 34: 1-8; John 14: 1-17
Lector Francie Blinks
Crucifer Cynthia Perry
Flowers Staff
Cookies Bob & Judy Fletcher
Ushers Marilyn Gorman and Bob Perry
Altar Care Martha Jordan & Sandy Rice
Sermon The Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland
Title “How Can We Make it from Here?”
Sunday, June 5, 2016, Annual Meeting of the Congregation immediately following the service
Tuesday, June 14, 2016, at 6:30 pm, Hacienda Carmel with Melinda Coffey Armstead. “*How the West Fell in Love with Japan*” Slide presentation with piano accompaniment. Optional dinner beforehand. More info to follow!
Sunday, June 26, 2016 — Bill Rolland’s last Sunday with extended Fellowship Hour on the deck *and* visit of the Rev. Dr. Joanne Swenson
Wednesday, June 29, 2016 — Bill Rolland’s Farewell Party at Rosen Hall 5:30 pm. Valet Parking available, cocktail attire. Contact the office to confirm that you will be there! citf@mbay.net or 831-624-1374. Invitation attached!
We are getting ready to order the next round of plaques for the *Memorial Garden*. If you wish to have one placed, please contact **Sherry** at the church or **Bob Janzen**, 655-5113, or at raejanzen@sbcglobal.net for details.



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*... says "Many Thanks"
to Bill and Annah Rolland*

*All ye lads and lassies
are cordially invited to a wee party
on Wednesday, June 29, 2016
at Half past Five
Rosen Hall, Stevenson School*

*Cocktail attire
Valet parking*

*Sign up on bulletin board or contact the office
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*Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and auld lang syne?*