

Church in the Forest

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Monday morning, June 25, 2018

Dear Friends,

This week we began our Summer Sermon Series, “King David: Crisis and Crown.” We continue this Sunday with one of the most beloved tales in all of scripture. If we grew up in Sunday School, we know it well—the story of David and Goliath.

When our son Erik was a preschooler, he would strut around the house, barking out David’s famous line: “You come to me with a sword and a spear! But I come to you in the name of the Lord!”



I recall, however, that Erik brandished his Star Wars Light Saber during these religious reveries. Erik must not have learned that part of the story when David casts aside his armor and spear.

We are all facing battles in our world and personal lives. What is the most important weapon we might use to face our foes and defeat their power? The answer is hidden in plain sight in this wonderful tale—the faith of a child.

Want to go deeper into the stories of David? Wake up early with the summer sun and join the Sunday, 8:30 AM Bible Study.

See you Sunday!

The Reverend Joanne M. Swenson, Th.D.

Calendar

Sunday July 1, 2018 — 6th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 AM Bible Study in the Multipurpose Room led by the Reverend Ken Feske. Topic: 1 Samuel 17: 17–40; 45–49

9:15 AM Chapel Concertino **9:30 AM Holy Communion**

Passages 1 Samuel 17: 17–40; 45–49; Psalm 107; Mark 10: 13–16

Lector Lloyd Nattkemper

Crucifer Leslie Mulford

Prayers of the People Mia Jarick

Oblation Bearer ?

Cookies Pete and Jackie Henning; Kathryn and Jim L. Hicks

Flowers Cindy and Arlen Lackey

Ushers Jack Davis and ?

Altar Care Martha Jordan, Linda Mackie, Sandy Rice

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

Title Sermon Series on David: Crisis and Crown

This Sunday: “Childlike Faith for Adults”

We are grateful to those who each week volunteer to help with ushering, reading, or providing cookies. Might you be able to help? If so, perhaps you could sign up on the bulletin board at church or contact Terri in the office.

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 **June 28, 10–11:30 AM** in the Multipurpose Room.
- *Sisters in the Forest Small Group* meets **June 28, 12 noon–1:15 pm**, at Linda Mackie’s, 3110 Bird Rock Road, Pebble Beach. All women welcome.
- *Women’s Bible Study Small Group* gathers **July 5, 10:30 am–12:00**, at the Beach and Tennis Club. Always free and newcomers welcome.
- A new *Small Group for Women* (aka “Soul Sisters III”) will convene on **alternate Tuesdays, 1:30–2:30 PM**, beginning **July 24**. These groups are confidential, sharing-focused groups where we are truly spiritual friends for each other, helping each other grow in accountability to John Wesley’s ideal of Christian life: public and private devotion to God, and private and public acts of service. Would you like to find out more? Please join Pastor Joanne for a brief information meeting in the Multipurpose Room, during fellowship time, **Sunday, July 8**.

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

Music Box

JULY 1, 2018

Robert Armstead, bass-baritone
Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano & organ

CHAPEL CONCERTINO SING ALONG FOR JULY 4TH

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies ~ When Johnny Comes Marching Home ~ Tenting Tonight ~ Pack Up Your Troubles ~ Bless 'Em All ~ My Country, 'Tis of Thee ~ God Bless America

Here I Am, Lord..... Daniel L. Schutte, arr. Craig Courtney

Let Us Break Bread Together..... traditional
Instead of Sheep..... Irving Berlin

The Washington Post John Philip Sousa

Following reprinted by request

Fourth of July always triggers memories of barefoot summertime: sticky watermelon juice down sunburned arms and legs, seeds spit like machine gun fire, ignoring the screams of brothers, sisters, cousins, and friends. I remember the frantic scramble for a nickel to answer the siren song of the ice-cream truck, or the frozen delight on a stick, half eaten, that softens and falls onto the ground. I know what it is to run through the sprinkler, to pull the wagon filled with water or friends or both, to hop from shadow to shadow, feet bottoms hissing in the hot sun, because I was there. I know how to catch fireflies in a jar and how to blow on them to make them flare up in green-white heat, answering the promise of romance. I remember the lure of fireworks with dangerous names, failing to deliver their deceptive promises, 45 minutes of muted detonations and "the punk's out again," most of the noise coming from grownups yelling at the kids to be careful. I remember, unable to wait until dark, lighting those sulfurous snakes that left their signature on the sidewalk for months afterwards. I know how to write my name in the dark with a sparkler and where to throw it to maximize adult anxiety. I know the summer-evening sound of locusts, the intoxication of honeysuckle, and the sweet hope of a later bedtime. I know the boring drone of adults inexplicably talking their summer away, wasting the heat, wasting the chance to run and yell, wasting happiness itself. I know the feeling of wet grass, of air palpable with sulfur and smoke and brass bands and patriotic songs, and of Dad's warm hand holding mine.

Melinda Coffey Armstead



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