

Church in the Forest

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Monday morning, July 24, 2017

Dear Friends,

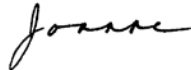
This morning, as *The Today Show* was on our kitchen TV, John asked, “Is Matt Lauer still married to that model?” The world is fascinated by marriage—who is married, divorcing, engaged, the big day. It’s remarkable, given that we live in a culture that makes marriage so optional.

There is something mysterious and compelling about marriage. It is an ideal metaphor for our relationship with God.

This Sunday we’ll think about what makes for a good marriage and for a vibrant relationship with God. We’ll consider the story of Jacob’s marriage, in Genesis 29. Jacob thinks he’s marrying one woman, but wakes up to discover another has taken her place. Some say, this is the story of EVERY marriage.

True enough. But perhaps we need both “women” in our marriages—and our relationship with God.

See you Sunday, to discover more!



The Rev. Joanne M. Swenson, Th.D.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: For those seniors in our congregation who are interested in alternative transportation... doctors appointments, shopping, visiting, or going to church, **Independent Transportation for Seniors, ITN**, will be available for information, explanation, and application, **Sunday July 30**, after church. Several of our members find this service reliable, convenient, and reasonable. While CitF does not endorse or underwrite **ITN**, you may be interested in this aid to independence. Further information at: itnmontereycounty.org

We need you! Might you be able to offer some lay help to CitF... serving as lector, usher, cookie purveyor? Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board or you can contact **Sherry** directly. Please see if you might lend us a hand this summer.

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.

You are invited to the *Small Group Bible Study* that meets every **Sunday at 8:30 AM** in the Multi-purpose Room where the topic is the day’s sermon scripture lesson.

The next *Soul Sisters Small Group* meeting will be **Thursday, July 27, 10–11:30 AM** at **Janet McDaniel’s** home: 158 Littlefield Road, Monterey. You all are invited to our next gathering for answering the question, “How goes your soul?” Questions—contact **Janet** at janlaine@comcast.net or call 831.646.8910.

Calendar

Sunday July 30, 2017 — Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 AM Bible Study in the Multipurpose Room led by the Rev. Ken Feske
Topic: Genesis 29: 15–28

9:15 AM **Chapel Concertino**

9:30 AM **Morning Prayer**

Passages Revelation 21: 1–4; Psalm 105:1-10, Genesis 29: 15–28

Lector Lloyd Nattkemper

Crucifer Judy Fletcher

Ushers Kathy and John Ivie

Flowers Lloyd Nattkemper

Altar Care Martha Jordan and Pamela Jordan

Cookies Maggie Holm and Gloria Wagner

Coffee Hour Hosts Bob & Cynthia Perry

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

Title “Fresh Starts from Old Stories ~ A Sermon Series on Genesis”

This Sunday: “An Old Way to a Fresher Faith”

Sunday, July 30, following the service, A presentation by **Independent Transportation for Seniors, ITN**, will be available for information, explanation, and application,

Music Box

JULY 30, 2017

Emi Saeki, organ

CHAPEL CONCERTINO

Variations on “Onder een linde groen” ...J.P.Sweelinck (1562-1621)
(Under the linden green)

Biblical Sonata: Jacob’s Wedding.....Johann Kuhnau (1660-1722)

1. Joy of the family of Laban at the arrival of Jacob
2. Bridal song sung by the companions of Rachel
3. Rejoicing for the wedding and congratulations

Praeludium BWV568.....J.S.Bach (1685-1750)

“Simple Gifts”..... traditional Shaker Hymn
with Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano

Prelude and Fuga BVW 553J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

I am so pleased to welcome back my friend, organist and early music specialist, Emi Saeki. She has prepared a program of relatively unknown gems that richly compliment Joanne’s theme today. She also provided some program notes:

J. P. Sweelinck was a Dutch composer, organist of the Oude Kerk in Amsterdam and one of the principal figures in the development of organ music before J. S. Bach. He gave daily public concerts on the church organ and his work helped establish the north German organ tradition, thereby influencing both Handel and Bach.

Johann Kuhnau was organist and cantor at the Church of St. Thomas in Leipzig for 21 years. (Kuhnau’s successor as Thomaskantor was J. S. Bach, who stayed at the job for 27 years!) His reputation today rests on his seven programmatic “Biblical” keyboard sonatas published in 1700, in which each sonata depicted in detail a particular story from the Bible.

Thank you, Emi!



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