

Church in the Forest

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Monday morning, August 6, 2018

Dear Friends,

One of my favorite Biblical scholars once told me, “I believe that God has something new to say to us every day. God is not done with any of us yet.”

That’s comforting and frightening. We would like our God to be a fixed point in a confusing world. We would like our God to be manageable, understandable. We would like to be able to have a defined understanding of God. It’s easier that way, having everything measured out.

But God doesn’t work that way. God is bigger than we in every way. God doesn’t fit neatly into a box. God has something new to say to us every day. Yesterday we celebrated the ark being carried into the city of David and the king dancing wildly for joy.

You know about parties... there is always a morning after, and that is where we find ourselves this coming Sunday. David goes to sleep with blueprints dancing in his head, drawings of a marvelous temple. He wakes up to learn God is fine being in a tent. David is shocked and has to go to pray and talk with God to get his head around what God promises.

God takes what we think we understand and sets it on its ear. God reveals more than we can grasp, and we learn, slowly.

See you in church,



The Reverend Ken Feske

Joanne Swenson is on vacation from this week through August 19. Ken Feske is on study leave August 5–August 10. During this time, should you need emergency pastoral care, our minister emeritus, Bill Rolland, will be available to serve you. Please reach him through our church office.

Calendar

Sunday August 12, 2018 — 12th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 AM Bible Study in the Multipurpose Room led by the Reverend Ken Feske. Topic: 2 Samuel 6

9:15 AM Chapel Concertino **9:30 AM Morning Prayer**

Passages 2 Samuel 7: 1–11,16; Psalm 89: 20–24, 27-29; Mark 6: 30–32

Lector Bob Mulford

Crucifer Leslie Mulford

Flowers Bill and Annie Slautterback

Ushers ?

Fellowship Jan Reimers and Victoria Carns

Altar Care Martha Jordan, Linda Hanel, Linda Mackie, Sandy Rice

Sermon The Reverend Ken Feske

Title Sermon Series on David: Crises and Crown

This Sunday: “Human beings, not human doings”

With sadness for the family’s loss, but hope in the resurrection, we share news that Alice Bergin passed away this past week.

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.

Voices in the Forest, CitF’s own little choir, has just begun rehearsals, meeting a couple of times a month at Jan Reimers’ home in Carmel. If you like to sing, contact Leslie Mulford for more details: 831-915-7776 or lesliemulford@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE: September 16th—Fall Anniversary Party at the home of Janet McDaniel. More info to come!

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 **August 9, 10–11:30 AM** in the Multipurpose Room, where they will begin a new study about David.
- *The Tuesday Study Group* will meet on **August 21, 10:15–11:30 AM**, at Gloria Bigelow’s, 3138 Bird Rock. Subject TBD.
- A new *Small Group for Women* (aka “*Soul Sisters III*”) gathers on **Tuesday, August 21, 1:30–2:30 PM**, at the home of Lettie Bennett, 4076 Sunset Lane, PB. Please contact Pastor Joanne for more information about this new group: joanne@churchintheforest.org
- *Sisters in the Forest* will **NOT** meet on Thursday this week but will gather again on **August 23, 12 noon–1:15 PM** at Judy Stayduhar’s home, 2904 Ransford Avenue, Pacific Grove. Join them. All women welcome.
- *Women’s Bible Study Small Group* will be on break until **September 13** when they begin a new study: “Women of the New Testament.”

Music Box

AUGUST 12, 2018

Cathryn Wilkinson, Organist

CHAPEL CONCERTINO — AN AMERICAN SAMPLER

Old Hundredth arr. Clarence Eddy
I Love To Tell The Story arr. Emma Lou Diemer
Bye and Bye arr. Wm. Farley Smith
Brethren, We Have Met to Worship arr. Wilbur Held
Amazing Grace arr. Gwyneth Walker

Simple Gifts arr. J. Bert Carlson

I Am Bound for the Promised Land arr. Ralph Simpson

Just as cross-stitch samplers document a rich part of American history, today’s sampling of tunes represents the thoughts and beliefs of Americans from the past. Much early American music was rooted in British traditions. “Old Hundredth” was found in many Protestant Psalters in England and the colonies. “Amazing Grace” was associated with the Second Great Awakening of Christianity in early 19th century America. Many hymns grew out of African-American slave communities, such as “Promised Land,” and “Brethren, We Have Met.” The rise of the gospel song from camp meetings and tent revivals spread west with the increase of transportation. Katherine Hankey’s “I Love to Tell the Story” and Joseph Webster’s “In the Sweet Bye and Bye” were popular in the evangelical outreach of the YMCA and The Salvation Army.

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